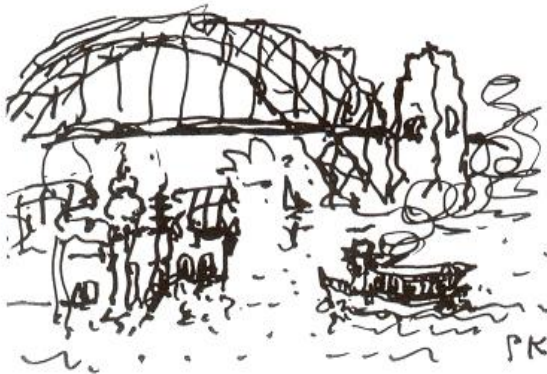


Lavender Bay Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 28 July 2022

Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre  
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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**1. Welcome, apologies, 30 June minutes**

There were 15 attendees and 17 apologies. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 30 June meeting.

**2. Election of Secretary**

The Chair (as returning officer) called for nominations for the role of Secretary, which was declared vacant at the AGM in May. There were no nominations. The position therefore remains vacant, to be filled as a casual vacancy at a future meeting.

**3. Chair's report**

**(a) East Crescent Street pocket park:** The Chair reported that there had been many views expressed at the 23 July site inspection, roughly 50/50 for and against the proposal.

In response to a question on Council funding, the Mayor reported that money had been allocated (in Council's 2022-26 Delivery Program) for conversion of 1 Henry Lawson Avenue to parklands, which is of great interest to Precinct.

**(b) Harbour Bridge cycle ramp:** Bradfield Park North was created as compensation for North Sydney residents affected by the building of the Harbour Bridge. The Chair spoke about the Transport for NSW proposal destroying this green open space, and the alternative community-led proposal involving Bradfield Park Central. Bicycle NSW has expressed support for the TFNSW proposal, but has agreed to discuss the alternative with the community.

**(c) Luna Park operations:** The Chair spoke about several requests from the media to hear the community's views about Luna Park's operations.

#### 4. State Government items

- (a) **MLC Building heritage listing:** The Land and Environment Court has [declared](#) that the State Heritage Register listing of the MLC Building be set aside because the Minister's decision did not explicitly reference the mandatory considerations in the Heritage Act.

The press has reported that the Institute of Architects has written to the new Heritage Minister asking him to redirect the heritage listing so that the building is not vulnerable to future court action, and that the Minister is considering advice on the judgment.

The meeting heard that public [submissions](#) should encourage the Minister to take action.

- (b) **Luna Park:** The meeting heard that Luna Park's noise audits indicated a position that was not consistent with the community's experience (for example, only 1 complaint about screaming). Members should make a note of any complaints that they make.

Luna Park's operator is part of a financial firm that is subject to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority. A complaint has been made about the firm's investments.

Luna Park has appointed a new CEO, who is reported to have noted that the site has a complex planning history and interacts heavily with local residents. There may be an opportunity to establish a community consultation committee.

#### 5. Council items

- (a) **East Crescent Street pocket park (additional discussion):** At the recent site inspection, speakers had spoken about the benefits of increased greening, reduced heat sink, improved pedestrian movement, and traffic calming.

Speakers had also spoken about the problems of lost/relocated parking spaces, anti-social behaviour, cost and minimal need.

Council subsequently [resolved](#) that a refined design for the project be reported back to Council and communicated to residents and submitters so that the community can provide feedback to Council.

- (b) **Precinct System review:** Council also [resolved](#) to note the Stage 2 consultation outcomes report and adopt management's responses. Precinct System Guidelines, Policy and Code will be updated in consultation with Precinct Committees, with a further round of consultation regarding Precinct boundaries.

- (c) **Development Control Plan – Maximum Car Parking Spaces:** Council also [resolved](#) to exhibit a draft amendment for off-street parking requirements for new developments in areas with high public transport accessibility. The meeting heard that the requirements should be considered in conjunction with visitor parking spaces (including visiting tradesman) and deliveries. Precinct will discuss further during the consultation period.

- (d) **Draft Sustainable Building Policy:** To help Council achieve best practice sustainable building outcomes for its own facilities. [Submissions](#) close on Sunday 31 July.

- (e) **Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan Review:** To support the growth and diversity of arts and cultural activities and expressions to benefit the community, business and visitors. [Feedback](#) closes on Sunday 31 July.

## 6. Development applications/TAHE land

- (a) **2 French Street, McMahons Point ([190/22](#))**: Subdivision of railway corridor for consolidation with existing residential lot. The subdivision covers the area leased for an existing carport. Submissions due Friday 29 July. The meeting noted the application.
- (b) **16 French Street, McMahons Point ([191/22](#))**: Subdivision of railway corridor for consolidation with existing residential lot. The subdivision covers the area leased for an existing carport. Submissions due Friday 29 July. The meeting noted the application.
- (c) **Vacant land between 2 and 16 French Street, McMahons Point**: The meeting heard a suggestion that the vacant land adjacent to the railway tunnel could be used for a community garden. Council received a [report](#) on acquisition and remediation costs in February, and decided to pursue a “care and control” approach with Transport for NSW.
- (d) **Sydney Harbour HighLine**: [Discussions](#) with the State Government continue.

## 7. Community Events

- (a) **Wendy’s Secret Gardening**: Saturdays 6 August and 3 September. RSVP to [Ian C](#) by the prior Wednesday.
- (b) **North Sydney Garden Competition**: 12 categories including best balcony, best courtyard and best indoor garden. [Entries](#) close Tuesday 30 August, with judging to take place from Monday 19 September to Friday 30 September.
- (c) **Pop-up blood donation centre**: Red Cross will operate a [pop-up donor centre](#) from 7am to 6pm (except Sundays) in Northpoint from 1 August to 2 September and 4-28 October.

## 8. General Business

- (a) **173-179 Walker and 11-17 Hampden Streets, North Sydney ([197/22](#))**: The meeting heard concerns about this proposal for a residential development containing 189 dwellings across three buildings (up to 28 storeys), with basement parking for 240 cars. Submissions due Friday 5 August.
- (b) **Local Government NSW Annual Conference**: Precinct Committees have been invited to submit suggested motions/issues for discussion at the LGNSW Annual Conference in October. Our meeting endorsed a suggestion to adopt the Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy that was developed under the previous Planning Minister.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Next meeting: 7pm, Thursday 25 August.