

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 27 October 2022

Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Chair: RRS Robert@StittQC.com.au
Acting Secretary: BPS lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com

1. Welcome, apologies, 29 September minutes

There were 14 attendees plus one guest and 16 apologies, including Precinct's Acting Secretary. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 29 September meeting. The Chair welcomed our Ward Councillors.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair noted the passing Peter Kingston, our long-term resident and significant artist, who created for the public enduring works that will be enjoyed for years to come.

L+E Court hearing re 1 Warung St – conciliation hearing adjourned, DA to be amended.

3. State Government items

(a) Harbour Bridge cycle ramp at Milsons Pt: Precinct's concerns include heritage impacts, loss of green open space, safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Our appeals to Minister Stokes have been fruitless so our Chair has written to Minister Anthony Roberts in the hope that he can help us, as he did with 1 Henry Lawson Ave.

The Bradfield Park Central alternative is strongly supported in the local community, it meets Australian standards, doesn't destroy Bradfield Park North and does not have the ill effects of TfNSW's proposal. A notice has been letterboxed in the local area and asks people to contact the relevant ministers and shadow ministers, to advise them of their concerns and request that TfNSW work with Council and the community on a Bradfield Park Central approach. We hope Minister Roberts will meet with us.

(b) Berrys Bay draft master plan: The meeting heard that it is not a master plan but more a landscape plan. It left unanswered what is to become of Woodleys boatshed and the quarantine building, was unclear what would occur between land and water (i.e. whether marinas were considered) and like much that emanates from TfNSW, was opaque. We have seen successive parks and green space in the North Sydney Council area swallowed up by government projects. Precinct supports Waverton and Union Precinct's submissions.

4. Council items

(a) Burton St closure and landscaping: The meeting heard of planned landscaping. Noted.

(b) Car Parking changes proposed in new residential developments: The meeting heard of proposed changes to the North Sydney Development Control Plan to permit only 1 car space for every 4 residences in new residential developments where it is considered there is good public transport access, creating even more strain on available street parking for visitors, deliveries etc. The meeting heard that residents do move locally without a car but need one when their destination is not served by public transport. Community feedback is due Tues 13 Dec and can be made here. [Feedback](#).

5. Development applications

(a) 5 Blue St. mechanical exhaust equipment on roof of retail kiosks ([210/22](#)): Precinct reiterates its objection as per our last meeting, that the kiosks are only one storey high and that the exhaust equipment would create unattractive visual clutter and should be positioned out of sight or screened. We also note the noise effect on surrounding residences such as St Xavier Terraces.

(b) 2/9-11 Waiwera St ([286/22](#)): Replace external windows and doors with sliding doors. Noted.

(c) 50 Blues Point Road ([296/22](#)): Alterations and additions. Noted.

(d) 5 Blue St (old railway ticket office) ([301/22](#)): Change to retail tenancy. Noted.

6. Vacant position of Secretary

The meeting heard that our Acting Secretary wishes to stand aside. The Chair noted the sterling service we've received and that the position of Secretary is a valuable role that needs to be filled if Precinct is to survive. Anyone interested can be assured of every assistance in becoming acquainted with the role. Interested members are asked to contact the Chair, Acting Secretary or previous office-bearers for more information.

7. Community items

(a) Wendy's Secret Gardening: Gardening mornings are planned for 1 October and 5 November. RSVP to [Ian C](#) by the prior Wednesday.

(b) Community Gathering to mark the refusal of a proposed Floating Dry Dock: At 2 pm, 29 October, Carradah Park, Waverton. (large tank platform). Mayor Baker will speak.

8. General business

- (a) **Sydney Harbour Federation Trust:** The meeting was reminded that nominations for representatives to the Trust close 5 pm, Thurs 10 Nov.
- (b) **New Year's Eve celebrations:** Precinct noted the arrangements, similar to last year's event. Tickets can be booked from Tues 1 Nov.
- (c) **Precinct's end of year celebration:** The meeting supported an end of year function along the lines of those held in the past. Precinct will also help publicise a proposed Community Street Party put forward by CT, that might encompass the community centre and North Spoon areas.

Next meeting is scheduled: 7pm, Thursday, 24 November.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.