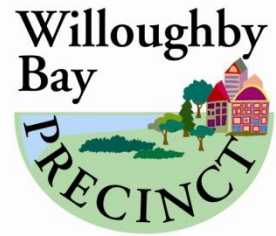


WILLOUGHBY BAY PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 8th September 2022

COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

ATTENDANCE: 24 people attended the meeting
APOLOGIES: 3 were recorded
GUEST SPEAKER: Cr Zoe Baker - Mayor of North Sydney
INVITED ATTENDEES 5 - Harrison Precinct

COVID-19 MEETING SAFETY PROCEDURES

In accordance with COVID-19 meeting safety procedures, all attendees used the hand sanitiser, which was supplied, and tables were wiped down before and after the meeting with the sanitiser. The COVID-19 signage was displayed. Social distancing was observed and no one reported feeling unwell. No unregistered persons attended the meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 11th of August 2022 meeting were adopted

Motion carried: 12 in favour, 12 abstentions, 0 against

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Promotion of Precinct – Precinct welcomes the opportunity to liaise with Council's Communications Team on a promotional strategy.

Refurbishment of WH Brothers Memorial – RL advised she understands IH and HG from Council have discussed as a starting point. RL is happy to hand over to Precinct Chair and SB (grandson of the late WH Brothers) and the relevant Council personnel for the refurbishment. Cr Baker confirmed HG would be Council's point of contact. Rough estimate of the cost is \$7-10k. Precinct members confirmed they want the memorial to stay in its current position; they like the seat facing the view; they would be happy if the memorial was not as high as it is currently. Precinct Chair to liaise with SB and HG.

Update on PP 6/22 – 1-7 Rangers Road and 50 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay

MOTION: Precinct Chair is authorised to make a submission to and address the North Sydney Local Planning Panel confirming Precinct's opposition to Planning Proposal 6/22 proceeding to Gateway Determination.

Motion Carried: 23 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 against

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Council's Response to Precinct's August 2022 Minutes

MOTION: Precinct supports the Wollstonecraft Motion – Council has advised that the Precinct Committee’s suggestion can be explored via the finalisation of the Implementation Plan from the Precinct System Review.

DA 206/22, 25 Montague Road, Cremorne – Motion noted by Council’s Senior Assessment Officer

Young Street / Grasmere Road Roundabout – Council’s Director of Engineering & Property Services has advised that Council awaits a response from TfNSW on what they suggest is a suitable design to reinstate the roundabout.

Cr. Baker will liaise with the Director of Engineering & Property Services and write to TfNSW in an effort to move this matter forward.

- **Traffic Committee Meeting on 2 Sept 2022**

- ❖ Item 5.3 Jacaranda Festival – McDougall Street Kirribilli

- **Council Meeting on 22 August 2022**

- ❖ **Item 8.2** – Public Forum – Code of Meeting Practice (Meetings to start at 7pm, Code on exhibition for 42 days)

- ❖ **Item 8.5** – North Sydney Sustainable Building Policy and Guidelines

MOTION: Precinct supports Council’s Amended Code of Meeting Practice.

Motion Carried: 23 in favour, 1 abstention, 0 against

- **Combined Precinct Committee Meeting 16 August 2022**

- ❖ CPC Meeting Minutes

- **Council Memoranda**

- ❖ 17 Aug – Precinct System Review Update – Remote Online Meeting Survey
- ❖ 31 Aug – Policies on Exhibition
- ❖ 8 Sep – North Sydney Local Planning Proposal
- ❖ 8 Sep – Federal Volunteer Grant - RL to liaise with Little Young Street Community Garden.

- **Other**

- ❖ 23 Aug – Parks Precinct Meeting on 24 Aug – Presentation on History of Cammeray Park
- ❖ 23 Aug – Bay Precinct Special Meeting on 7 Sep – Tim James on Cammeray Park

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There were no Development Applications

Guest Speaker: Cr. Zoe Baker – Mayor of North Sydney

Mayoral Update

General Manager of North Sydney Council resigned in May. Selection Panel is now interviewing candidates which will be followed by an Extraordinary Meeting of Council where the whole of the governing body will interview the short listed candidates and then appoint the successful candidate.

In terms of governance and transparency the Council is back to fortnightly meetings. As of the next meeting – 12 September – the public forum will not be a one hour session. Meetings will start at 7.00pm. Cr. Baker has chosen to sit with the governing body because she thinks it is important to be on the same level as the people she represents.

With regard to major infrastructure projects and their impact, in the last month Cr. Baker has met with Rob Stokes – the Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport on a variety of issues, urging him to do all he can to get his government to work on open space issues.

Cr. Baker has had similar meetings with Howard Collins, the Chief Operating Officer for TfNSW, in charge of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. A long strip of land has been taken from Ernest Street Cammeray so they could access work on the golf course. Cr. Baker also urging the State Government to properly consult with Council over the huge swathes of tree removal.

Cammeray Park – at the June Council meeting, Council adopted a motion regarding longer term plan for the public land reflective of community vision.

Development Agenda – we now have a majority Council who are prepared to stand up on behalf of the community in relation to development issues. The community holding Council to account with other planning proposals with similar intent to the present Rangers Road proposal.

Heritage and Conservation – mixed results in Holt Avenue. Council put Interim Heritage Orders on a number of properties – those Interim Heritage Orders were appealed. The Commissioner upheld the Appeal. The DAs which followed are now on appeal and will proceed to hearing.

Properties – 115 to 119 will have a different Commissioner. The Council has now put a Planning Proposal together which will eventually come out on public exhibition.

North Sydney Olympic Pool – with extensions of time for the builder, has been delayed until May 2023. A new business case is being done. Current cost is \$63.8m.

Rezoning Review RR – 2022-13 – 12-14 Waters Road, Neutral Bay seeks to amend the North Sydney Local Environment Plan 2013, to facilitate a 5-6 storey mixed-use development by increasing the maximum height of buildings from 16m to 24m. This development is under construction. The Sydney North Planning Panel has considered the material and determined that the Planning Proposal be submitted for a Gateway Determination because the proposal demonstrated strategic and site-specific merit. No submissions from the public were allowed.

The Panel recognised the process for the Neutral Bay Town Centre – Future Directions Planning Study and Council’s rescission and directive for the preparation of a new development framework and strategy which was to find a “better balance between height and the provision of additional public space”.

The Panel unanimously agreed that the Planning Proposal has strategic merit given its alignment with Council’s planning and community consultation over the last four years for the local area and Council’s direction to find a balance between additional height, employment generating opportunities and additional open space.

Affordable Housing – Cr. Baker has already briefed Kylea Tink Independent Federal Member for North Sydney to take this matter to Canberra.

North Sydney Name Change Suggestion - Kylea Tink Independent Federal Member for North Sydney is of the view that the Federal Seat of North Sydney encompasses most of the Lower North Shore and up the Pacific Highway to Belrose and Chatswood and everywhere in between.

Green Waste in non-conforming bins such as red or yellow topped bins is not being collected. **Cr. Baker will look into this.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Raw Sewage Issues

A Precinct resident after repeatedly writing to Council about her concern that tree roots may have infiltrated the sewer pipes causing a leakage of raw sewage has been asked by a Council Officer to prove it. The resident has been told to hire a plumber and provide evidence that it is Council’s tree roots, causing the problem. The resident hired a plumber who agreed to be filmed showing on video the evidence supporting the claim. **Cr. Baker to investigate this situation.**

WH Brothers Park

RL is organising a gardening bee for Monday 12 September with a 9.30am start. Along with weeding there are 20 shrubs to be planted.

Vote of Thanks to the Mayor

A Precinct member moved a vote of thanks to Cr. Baker for her attendance.

Meeting closed at 9.37pm

Next meeting will be on Thursday 13 October 2022.

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