

Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 24 August 2022

Meeting was held on Zoom

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

1) Attendance and Apologies

Attendance as per attendance sheet

2) Confirmation of Minutes (on NSC website) and matters arising:

Minutes from July meeting were not reviewed and no motion was passed to accept

Matters arising from the Minutes

No Matters arising were considered due to the fact we had a Guest Speaker

- ### 3) Guest Speaker – Dr Ian Hoskins
- presented an overview of the history of Cammeray Park from 1886 when it changed status from ‘Reserve’ to ‘Park’ and 1867 when North Sydney Council become the trustee through its various phases including the establishment of Cammeray Golf Club in 1906 and the establishment of Tennis and Croquet courts in 1930 until the present day. In 2022 the existing golf course will be reduced in size to a Par 27 (ie 9 Par 3 holes) and land has been resumed by the State Govt for the extension of the Warringah Expressway. A transcript of Dr Hoskins has been made available. Please email parks.precinct@gmail.com to be forwarded a copy.

Guest Speaker – Mayor Zoe Baker on: the destruction of Cammeray Park re-confirmed to the meeting that she and other Councillors at NSC, has made representations to the PM Anthony Albanese and other Federal Members (including Rob Stokes – Minister for Infrastructure) insisting that the enormous, proposed ‘worksheds’ be built underground and that the 1.5Ha (3.7 acres) of greenspace acquired on a ‘temporary’ basis while the Expressway is being built, be confirmed to be returned to Cammeray Park on the completion of the build. Mayor Zoe Baker confirmed, from a meeting with Rob Stokes and TfNSW, that the State Govt intends to proceed with the Expressway and the Beaches Link. The Mayor advised the Precinct meeting attendees to ‘keep the pressure on’ with local MPs and to write to the Minister for Transport, David Elliott, raising serious concerns about the destruction of our much loved Cammeray Park and mature trees. Mayor Zoe reiterated the point that NSC Acting General Manager, Rob Emerson, has been involved with the planting and protection of trees in our area for a long time and was very much disturbed by the seemingly needless destruction of the mature Golf Club trees.

Mayor Zoe Baker on: the trial of Young Street Plaza: Council has resolved to re-open Young Street to Military Road and to retain the govt grant despite opposition from many

residents. The Mayor advised the meeting that there had been a variety of differing community attitudes to the trial closure but the majority wanted the street to be re-opened.

Mayor Zoe Baker on: Woolworths Proposal for Rangers Road Development

Mayor Zoe advised that NSC opposes the 12 storey height proposed by this development and reminded the meeting that the Military Road Plan for extensive high rise development has been revoked by our new Council and NSC will continue to oppose and defend its position in relation to this development.

RF showed the meeting a printed leaflet in opposition to the project which has been distributed around this proposed development. MTJ advised she has addressed a number of precincts in relation to opposition to this project and said that if Woolworths does not get support from NSC for this project they will ask for re-zoning in order that their development application can comply and will have to be approved.

4) 'Weighting' of Precinct Submissions

Currently if one single resident is opposed to a Council plan then that vote is counted as 'one' vote. However, if x 30 people at a Precinct Meeting oppose a plan then this is also counted as 'one' vote. GD (Meeting Convenor) advised that Brightmore, Willoughby Bay and Wollstonecraft together with Parks Precinct all wish the council to change this voting process to correctly reflect the wishes of the community ie one vote is counted per person (and not per Precinct). GD advised that a motion will be put forward at the next Combined Precincts Committee to that effect.

5) SOPA Open Meeting with Tim James MP Member for Willoughby at North Sydney Council Chambers on Wednesday, 7 September.

GD reminded the meeting of this important upcoming meeting with Tim James and urged all Precinct members to attend saying that Tim James is the person we must rely on to relay our concerns about the devastation in Cammeray Park and to put our wishes for the best outcome of the project for the future ie:

- Building the massive 'workshops' underground and covering with a green corridor
- Re-planting of mature trees
- Return of 1.5ha (ie 3.7 acres) of public land
- Open discussions to the community re proposed 30 Metre high ventilation stack and stack to be filtered

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 PM

Next Meeting: 7.00pm on Zoom
Wednesday 21 September 2022