

BRIGHTMORE PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM

MINUTES OF MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

CHAIR: PE (Co-Chair)

MINUTES: CdB (Deputy Secretary)

ATTENDANCE: 18 people attended the meeting

APOLOGIES: 2 (LS, JG)



1. UPDATE ON PLANNING PROPOSAL 6/22: 1-7 RANGERS ROAD, NEUTRAL BAY.

Woolworths' proposal to increase the height limit from 16 metres (5 storeys) to 40 metres was rejected unanimously by Council, and Woolworths have now submitted a rezoning application to the Dept of Planning for review.

The Dept of Planning have now referred the matter to the NSW Government's Sydney North Planning Panel. The Sydney North Planning Panel will meet on 7 December to make a determination. Both North Sydney Council and the Dept of Planning will prepare reports for the meeting.

2. CREMORNE AND NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEES

CH gave an update following the Cremorne Streetscape Committee meeting. An architect has been appointed and are in the process of preparing concept designs for both Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place. These are to be presented to Council mid-December after which they will go on public exhibition to get community feedback until late February after which the design will be completed and a contractor appointed with aim to start the works around June 2023.

3. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No significant DA application has been lodged within the Brightmore precinct however it was noted that a DA has been lodged to demolish 2 Federation house at 53 and 55 Yeo Street and construct a four level apartment building with 2 basement levels. While the development may be within the development control guidelines, it is another example of the loss of single houses within the municipality,

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was sent to Premier Perrottet requesting a meeting with himself, Felicity Wilson and Tim James to discuss with Precinct Committee representatives the community concerns about the impact of the Warringah Freeway Upgrade and the Western Harbour Tunnel. An automatic reply has been received from the premier but nothing from the two ccd locals MPs. The closure of access to the SHB from Ernest St will have a negative impact on Brightmore residents.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

A Neutral Bay and Cremorne Progress Association has been formed to promote the advancement of the Neutral Bay and Cremorne communities. It is independent of the Precinct and associated council protocols.

An extraordinary meeting of NSC was held on Monday 7 November after the developers gave notice that they proposed to demolish 23 houses in Parraween Street. At the meeting a motion seeking to have an interim heritage order placed on a number of cottages to prevent their demolition was passed by a majority of 6 votes to 2.

SK gave a presentation on why residents should support the planning proposal 4/22 to prohibit residential flat buildings in R3 Medium Density Residential zones of the municipality. This will stop the demolition of existing houses in R3 zones to construct residential flat buildings. Attendees were urged to make submissions to Council within the next couple of weeks.

Cremorne Conservation was seeking to get an extension of the Interim Heritage Orders for the Holt Avenue houses. Cremorne Conservation also advised that the Cremorne Orpheum is to be nominated for heritage listing and urged residents to write to the Heritage Minister to support the heritage listing.

Western Harbour Tunnel – The following MOTION was proposed and passed UNANIMOUSLY

That Brightmore Precinct supports the Council position on the Western Sydney Harbour Tunnels as set out in the Open Letter to Transport for NSW published in the SMH.

NEXT MEETING: 14 December 2022

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