

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 102nd MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 5.30PM
IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, 200 MILER STREET, NORTH SYDNEY

Present: Mayor in the chair
Councillor Santer, Councillor Bourke

Anthony Melinz, Crows Nest Mainstreet
JoEllen Henderson, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Vince Caruso, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Ross Gugliotta, Bravo Trattoria/Crows Nest Mainstreet (remote)
Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre
Katy Ballard, Holtermann Precinct
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct
John Hancox, Wollstonecraft Precinct (remote)
James Mullin, Colliers

Council Staff:
Jon Higlett, Acting Director Engineering and Property Services
Paul Yang, Project Manager Engineering Infrastructure
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm

2. Apologies:

John Meadows, Resident

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 101st Meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2022.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. Projects Update

5.1. Holtermann Street Carpark Re-development

Council's Acting Director Engineering and Property Services advised that the next stage for the re-development of the Holtermann Street Carpark is a report to Council with the DA plans.

The Mayor advised that there will be a report to a future council meeting within the next month or so. The purpose of the report is that Council decide on the preparation of the DA. Council has to get a development consent for the design of the park and then lodge an application.

The last report that went to Council there had been community consultation with a couple of options. The recommendation was that it be a combination of elements from each of those options and that it come back to council before Council formally decide these are the plans on which to lodge a DA.

5.2 Willoughby Road Upgrade Works

Council's Engineering Property Manager advised that the design and concept design was unanimously approved at the 27 February Council meeting. The detailed design will now start with the early works tender for the undergrounding of the power cables on Willoughby Road as well as some of the essential drainage works.

He stated that the community feedback was that there be more street trees in Crows Nest. The design addresses urban forest down Willoughby Road both sides to enable that, and undergrounding of power is to happen.

The pedestrian pathway is 3 metres and will remain the same as the current width. The outdoor terrace won't be changed, and the outdoor areas will remain or be improved in their size. There will be no loss of parking and no changes to parking bays. The bus stops will also be maintained.

Council consulted with the businesses which was one of the proposals to address the not so nice looking umbrellas on Willoughby Road, which are in certain states of maintenance or disrepair. It was advised that if we all work together we can get a better outcome for the street, and having the Mainstreet Levy invested into a shared shade structure. This is something for consultation and discussion with business owners, and this consultation is to be started as soon as possible.

There are two options for shading, one that is fixed and one that is retractable. The fixed have better rain protection and you don't get the leaks between them and is much more cost effective.

6. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update

The Mainstreet have engaged a new festival Manager who has experience in many community events in local government areas of Sydney, i, e City of Sydney, Lane Cove and Leichhardt. She has met with a majority of stakeholders already and some council members.

The Mainstreet advised they are taking advantage of some grant opportunities from Kylea Tink who has expressed the possibility of helping them out. They are looking at the idea of digital signage with what's happening or sign boards that update electronically and also a permanent outdoor screen in Ernest Place or somewhere that can be useful to the community.

The Mainstreet also advised that they have been in contact with Joanne Eckstein from Council who is arranging for their pole banners which are being repurposed into bags, and that they are in the process of arranging a raffle or fundraiser for the festival and the members have requested three streetscape meetings a year.

The Mayor advised that the Council is looking at reviewing of all streetscape and reference group meetings and would take this on board.

A Motion was moved by Anthony Melinz and seconded by Katy Ballard,

1. THAT they would all like to acknowledge and thank Duncan Mitchell for his assistance to us over the years and look forward to working with his replacement.

Voting was unanimous.

7. General Business

New logo for Crows Nest

It was advised that there is a new logo for Crows Nest

Village Vibes

It was advised by the Mainstreet that there will be some village vibes coming up in Crows Nest on 23 March with music in Ernest Place and the again on either the 13 or 20 April in the Hume Street Laneway.

Katy Ballard advised that she was walking home from the station along Atchison Street and looking into Hume Lane there is a lot of rubbish behind the GOG supermarket.

Katy was asked to send an email to the Mayor.

Public Domain Works for Metro

It was asked if the public Domain works for the Metro are starting soon.

Council's Project Engineer advised that they had already started and are drilling the footings for the new smart poles as well as trenching and utility investigations.

It was advised that to walk down Clarke Street you have to continually zig zag back and forth down the street.

Council's Acting Director Engineering and Property Services advised that Council negotiated with the Metro at the time under an interface agreement to get all those works done for Council at no cost to Council. They are undergrounding the power and putting in multi-function poles. The program of the works have been pushed forward with the Metro at Victoria Cross, they are doing the public works after they finish the station. Oxley Street had a few services and there were a few issues with an adjoining building. They had a few issues with getting the power underground and they had to trench through the middle of the road in Clarke Street. There has been a lot of issues with trees and the drainage is being done at the same time which is the subcontractor for the Metro.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday 29 August 2023.

9. Close Meeting 6pm