

Parks Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes - 15 March, 2023 (Meeting was held on Zoom)

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies: PH, DS

2. Confirmation of Minutes (sent by email to mailing list) and matters arising:

A motion was moved by SB and seconded by ES that the minutes be accepted. This was confirmed unanimously.

Matters Arising

Grosvenor Lane – Pedestrian/Traffic shared laneway

The Road Safety Dept of Council met on 28 Nov 2022 to review this project – the outcome of this meeting is unknown.

A motion was put forward by CT during the Parks February meeting that “Parks Precinct re-iterate that Grosvenor Lane is a dangerous mix of cars and pedestrians and request urgent action to improve safety and asked that that the matter be referred to the NSC Traffic Committee” The motion was seconded by ES and passed unanimously.

Parks Precinct to request attendance at any Traffic Committee meeting where Grosvenor Lane is under consideration.

Parks will wait until 23 March for the NSC to review the Minutes of our February meeting in relation to Grosvenor Lane. If no response Parks will approach NSC to enquire what the process is for adding Grosvenor Lane on to the Traffic Committee agenda. Once this matter is on the Agenda a Parks spokesman can address this issue in person with the Traffic Committee Meeting to obtain some solutions/resolutions to the pedestrian/traffic issue in the laneway.

3. Guest Speaker: The meeting welcomed Meredith Trevallyn-Jones, Neutral Bay & Cremorne Progress Association, who updated the meeting on the following matters:

Woolworths Development – Rangers Road

Meredith advised that she had formed the Neutral Bay Progress Association specifically to manage the planning proposal for the new Woolworths development in Rangers Road. Woolworths have modified their proposal from a 40M high original height to now 33M's on Rangers Road and 27M's on Yeo Street. Woolworths plans to build to 6 storeys to make their project worthwhile. The Neutral Bay Progress Assn has asked that the 'plaza' incorporated in the development should come under the management of NSC.

ES suggested that the NSC should work with the developers and instead of rescinding the Planning Proposal they should 'amend' it allowing the inevitable construction of this development. MTJ

suggested Parks residents could send a proposal supporting the project provided it has a reasonable building height. The Woolworths lease in Grosvenor Street ends in November 2024 and this is why Woolworths is pushing for the proposed plans for their new precinct to be bedded down and work commenced. It was suggested that Aldi may sign a lease in the Big Bear Centre.

In response to a question from RF about floor heights. MTJ advised that once the Planning Proposal allows for a height level, the number of floors inside the building can be varied. It could be inferred that the actual number of floors/storeys in the building may be more than suggested in the Planning Proposal.

Development at 14 Waters Road

Developer has an approved DA for a 5 storey building development and has now submitted a planning proposal to approve changes for a 24M high development ie a 6 storey building – 5 storeys of residential and a ground level of retail. A model of this development is now on public exhibition at NSC.

Lane Cove Recent Development

MTJ suggested Parks residents take a look at the excellent works recently completed in Lane Cove where community and council have worked together to support both retail and the community.

General Business

Primrose Park - NSC is planning on dividing the 3 playing fields at this park into 4 playing fields. If you wish to oppose or support this recommendation you can comment on the NSC website.

Unauthorised Demolition of North Sydney Bus Shelters

GD raised the issue of the NSC unauthorised demolition of 5 x NSC heritage bus shelters. (refer to February Parks Minutes). This matter will be raised for discussion with Cr Godfrey Santer who will be our Guest Speaker at our April meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8.50pm

Next Meeting 7.00pm on Zoom

Wednesday, April 19, 2023