

Parks Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes – 19, April 2023

(Meeting was held on Zoom)

Meeting Opened at 7.03pm

1. **Attendance and Apologies:** as per the attached attendance list.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** (sent by email to mailing list) and matters arising:
As the Minutes of the March meeting had not been loaded onto the NSC website no motion was passed to note that the Minutes were correct.

3. Guest Speaker – Cr Godfrey Santer

The meeting welcomed Cr Godfrey Santer and invited him to speak on the following Agenda matters:

- Unauthorised demolition of the North Sydney heritage bus shelters
- Update on North Sydney Olympic Pool
- Update on Young Street Plaza/ Grosvenor Lane
- Update on Cammeray Park

Unauthorised Demolition of 5 x Heritage List North Sydney Bus Shelters

Cr Santer explained that the bus shelters which have been demolished had been ‘riddled with termites’ and were structurally unsound.

The demolished bus shelters (erected in 1980) will be replaced with identical shelters at a cost to NSC of \$300K. Cr Santer re-iterated the fact that NSC is very keen to preserve all heritage buildings whether council owned or privately owned.

North Sydney Pool

There was not much that Cr Santer could add in relation to the renovation of North Sydney Pool following the receipt by all Precincts of the ‘open letter’ authored by Mayor Zoe Baker received earlier this month.

In summary the original scope of works approved by the last council was valued at \$28M and was then increased to \$63.9M. *‘Current estimates suggest an additional \$25M to \$30M will be required to complete the redevelopment project’.* The completion date is now expected to be April 2024. The difference between the moneys required to complete this project and funds available will be met *‘through a significant reduction in capital works budgets for the 2023/24 year and a depletion of the capital works reserve.’*

Grosvenor Lane – Pedestrian/Traffic shared laneway

The Road Safety Dept of Council met on 28 Nov 2022 to review this project – the outcome of the proposed actions is not clear.

Following the February 2023 meeting the following motion was put by CT

“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”

Motion was seconded by ES and passed unanimously.

On 13 April 2023 Parks Precinct requested attendance at the next Traffic Committee meeting where the issues with Grosvenor Lane could be discussed.

A reply was received on 17 April from Jenny at NSC advising that *'only items that proposed a change to traffic conditions'* could be put on the Agenda for discussion.' This point was raised with Cr Santer who advised that NSC were reviewing Grosvenor Lane with the new government and that NSC is considering re-opening Young Street. Cr Santer advised he would raise this matter with the new Manager of Traffic & Transport, for discussion and resolution.

A Motion was put to the meeting by ES

"THAT GROSVENOR LANE SHOULD BECOME A DEDICATED PEDESTRIAN ZONE WITH RESTRICTED TRAFFIC ACCESS, WHICH WOULD LINK WITH THE CURRENT GROSVENOR CARPARK WHICH IS UNDERSTOOD TO BECOME A FUTURE GREENSPACE/PEDESTRIAN ZONE."

The motion was seconded by DD. The motion was carried with one abstention (MAS).

A further motion was proposed by MAS

that the council EXPEDITE THE RE-OPENING OF YOUNG STREET PLAZA TO ALLOW VEHICLE ACCESS'

The motion was seconded by PZ

There were three abstentions (ES, SM, DP) and one vote against (LP). The remainder of the vote were in favour.

Cr Santer provided an update on discussion between NSC and the new government. He advised that a delegation from NSC would be meeting with the new Minister for Roads- John Graham in the coming week.

Replacement of Cammeray Park Trees

The agreement by TfNSW was that two trees would be planted for each of the grand old mature trees which were chopped down to make way for the Western Harbour Tunnel and the newly designed golf course. **It was expressly agreed that these trees would be 'mature' trees.**

Motion was put by BB

"THAT TfNSW PROVIDE PARKS WITH A FORMAL PLANTING PLAN FOR CAMMERAY PARK, SPECIFYING THE TYPE OF TREE, THE AGE AND DENSITY OF THE PLANTING AND THE NAME OF THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PLAN."

Motion was seconded by SB and carried unanimously.

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.

Parks Precinct AGM will be in June

Meeting adjourned: 8.10pm

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7.00pm