

# Milson Precinct Meeting Minutes

## 5th April 2023

**Chair:** JC

**Venue:** Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

**Time:** 6:30PM

**Attendees and Apologies:** 21

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Cammeraygal People people of Eora Nation. We recognise their continued connection to the land and waters of this beautiful place, and acknowledge sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to all Cammeraygal Elders and Ancestors, and any First Nations people here today.

### Confirmation of Minutes



**Motion:** The minutes of the meeting dated 2nd February are adopted.

**Moved:** DB

**Seconded:** FH

**Unanimous**

### Mayor Zoe Baker

- Permanent closure of Burton Street, works will commence this FY. Thanks to community involvement, far superior plan than any seen to date.
- Kayak storage  from 17th April site meeting. Big concern to put the kayak storage under the fig tree, within root zone, NSC spent many years saving the tree. Park is a heritage item, report was inadequate- didn't address impacts on park, tree. Support for kayak storage, just where? Community consultation approach is being addressed, happening earlier and can actually change the outcome. MABs deferred the decision, asked why Wrixton Park storage wasn't addressed, do it once and do it well. Platypus is governed by the Harbour trust, not being governed as a community facility. ZB has met with the CEO of HT, and lobbied to have that activation, written to Tanya Plibersek requesting a review of the board and what they are tasked with. The way the community can help is email Kylea Tink- demand for water based activity and community activation beyond 10% at Platypus, and CC Tanya Plibersek.
- New General Manager- Therese Manns- reviewed the organisation, recommended restructure (reduction from 6 to 3 directors, natural attrition). Renewed focus on community consultation, real thing not a tick a box. Recruitment is done by GM, not Cllrs.
- Major infrastructure projects- WHT&BL, TfNSW are pursuing SHB Cycleway, positive opportunity as a community on all projects, because of change of gov. ZB has already written to all cabinet, and requested (roads, planning, transport, housing) to meet to 'reset'. Opportunity to reset part of WHT, gov had already changed construction model Rozelle to NS, modification application must be lodged on consent- look at High St and Berry St. Cycleway- misinformation campaign currently- TfNSW made it clear they are proceeding with project, 30%+ on final design, seeking final consent. Could have been done by review of environmental factors or DA, wrote to NSC saying they will give \$2.5m towards Bradfield Park, if NSC agreed to allow TfNSW to submit an application. Final resolution was that NSC signed the form for TfNSW to ask the heritage council for consent. NSC has made a submission and raised issues, eg heritage, environmental, and will share with MP.
-  NS OP \$33m in debt- opportunity cost- was taken from the open space budget over the three years. NSC appointed PwC, 20th of Dec briefing, another briefing in January, the councillors are not able to tell too much of what is in there- what parts of report can be released in regards to commercial in confidence, legal professional privilege. The pool is over time, over budget, has been inherited. ZB and MABS (and former Councillor Tony Carr) have been opposing this overdevelopment for many, many years, but it must be delivered to the highest possible standard and not to burden future generations (including model of funding). Setting budget- actively working on savings in the 23/24 budget to go towards the longer term funding of pool. Deferring some capital works budgets over 1/2/3 years. Not prepared to cut council services in the service of a white elephant project. Community discussion needed re how the new pool operates.
- R3 medium density zone has been reversed.
- Berry's Bay- NSC bought quarantine depot land- cottages on the land will be open to public. Activation of site, arts culture and craft, have site open to the public asap.

- Open space and rec strategy in the next FY. Inadequate open space for existing population- terrible everywhere. Creative and honest community conversation about what the strategy looks like to guide NSC- multiple ways to access open space. ZB has been meeting with local schools (public and private) mixed reception- most say they want to open doors but others say there are legal impediments to that, work with State Gov to change the legal impediments. Aloysius 1000 person capacity roof top. Car parks, multiple uses to meet needs of population.
- Living futures sustainability festival 24th April- big day 30th April- whole series of workshops and forums. The future of clothing and food through to young people on sustainability and future goals.
- Tunnel ads, bill posters that are illegal, not permitted. ZB encouraged people if they see them, call in.
- How to fix the relationship with the state gov- council for the people and stage bulldozes. It is across Australia, but very intensely the case in NSW- no matter the party in power. In terms of NSC relationship- really thorough and good local planning, consistent planning, just chipping away and lobbying. In order to change globally, need a reform of planning laws.
- TfNSW occupied BPS for '2 years', but now it is going to be longer. Redoing the underside of the roadway- finishing mid-end next year. Then they will be replacing two service cranes (coming from Germany) and will take another four years. The usable open space is diminishing due to TfNSW- BP, CP, High Street and Whaling Road.
- Schools and rates- not an equitable position, especially since schools are some of the biggest users. Structural thing over the local government act. The philosophy behind why schools don't pay rates is they were originally positioned as a community service, but there has been a transformation to a for profit business. NSC's position is that there ought to be rate reform, with some nuance- rate discount perhaps. State government position, should be addressed when looking at rate pegging and rate structure.
- Milson Point State tunnel is deteriorating quickly, TfNSW care- heritage.
- The Kirribilli Masterplan will be rolled out over a longer period than preferred, already funded Burton and Bligh, as the projects were funded by the whole LGA's rate rise.
- Elemang Avenue works will be taken on notice, Zoe will be asking the council to give an update as to whether it's possible to stagger works in future.
- Five traffic calming devices between Clarke Road and Woolworths, TfNSW signed off, bigger issue is the TfNSW private bus owners. Downer buses, overuse of Broughton Street. Look into clearway removal on other side of Broughton Street.

**Motion: Milson Precinct thanks Councillor Baker for coming and speaking to us.**

**Moved: Unanimous**

**Seconded: Unanimous**

**Unanimous**

## **General Business and Information**

- Invite Manager Traffic & Transport Operations- EC to a precinct meeting to address parking issues.
- Invite head of Harbour Trust to Milson Precinct.

**Meeting Closed 8:00PM**

**Next Meeting May 4th 2023**