



## **Parks Precinct Meeting**

**Wednesday 21 February 2024**

Commenced 7:03pm (online via Teams)

### **1. Attendance and Apologies.**

12 residents, one visitor - Council's Acting Manager Environmental Services, as per Attendance Register.

Apologies ES, SM, PZ

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes (on NSC website) and matters arising**

Moved RF, seconded DD. Passed unanimously

### **3. Presentation from Council's Acting Manager Environmental Services.**

Council's Sustainability programs are guided by Council's Sustainability Strategy 2030. and include community educational programs for both residents and businesses.

The presentation included Accessing Recycling Services and the facilities available at the Coal Loader and Community Recycling Centre.

Other residential recycling schemes include Recycle Smart and Bower Reuse and Repair Centre.

Details are available on Council's website and the presentation will be circulated separately.

### **4. Upcoming meeting/speaker program**

Mayor to be invited to the next meeting, followed by Neutral Bay Community Centre and Councillor Santer.

### **5. DAs under consideration. Nil**

### **6. General Business.**

GD presented a report from SM on the recent CPC meeting (20 February 24) during which there were detailed discussions regarding planning reforms proposed by the state government. This report has been circulated separately, however some elements are entered into these minutes below

The proposals are a one size fits all approach and do not integrate with plans for utilities and community facilities. They also risk having a mix of mismatched dwellings destroying the character of areas.

For Parks Precinct the reforms affect R2 residential and R3 Medium density zones. Importantly the reforms proposed override Conservation areas. North of Grasmere Rd is R2 as the area of residences in Oaks Avenue. This area will be able to have dual occupancy, terrace houses and manor homes (currently attached dual occupancy only

up to two storeys). Existing medium density (East of Ben Boyd Rd) will now be able to have six storey residences (currently 3 storeys). An uplift of up to 30% in height limits is allowed for the inclusion of affordable housing. In particular the proposals need to have clear plans and funding for:

- Increased capacity in utilities (sewerage, water, nbn)
- Increased capacity in community and social infrastructure (open space, schools, hospital beds, aged care and sporting facilities)
- Involving local government and communities to deliver density done well
- Establishing guiding principles from the state government including clear targets for additional dwellings
- Maintaining a sense of community and area character

**Motion:** The Parks Precinct Executive be authorised to make a submission on the State Government's proposed housing reforms for increased density, using the points outlined above.

Moved CL, Seconded BB. Passed unanimously.

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. 7pm
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