



Sketch by renowned late local artist Peter Kingston

Thursday, 28 March 2024

Starting at 7 pm

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Chair: Robert Stitt KC Robert@StittQC.com.au
Acting Secretary: Joan Street lavenderbayprecinct@gmail.com

1. WELCOME

There were 7 attendees and 5 apologies.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th February 2024 were read and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in these minutes.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

a) Noise Pollution, Blues Point Road.

This is an ongoing issue. It appears the police cannot act on individual complaints.

Post Meeting Note:

Council considered this issue at its meeting on 25th March 2024 and resolved:

1. THAT Council strongly advocate for the State Government to address increasing noise pollution through a review of the EPA Noise Guidelines, adoption of electric vehicles, provisions in relation to the use of electric power tools in urban areas, noise, and CCTV monitoring in areas experiencing a rise in “hoon” cars.
2. THAT Council undertake a review of standard noise conditions of consent for both construction period and general operation.

b) 1 Henry Lawson Avenue

The gate is now padlocked, and the issue of squatters resolved.

c) Degradation of Harbour foreshore adjacent to McMahons Point Wharf

The degradation of this iconic parkland is a continuing issue.

Resolved: THAT

Lavender Bay Precinct requests, through the Chief Executive Officer, that, Council’s Director Open Space and Infrastructure, be invited to address Precinct on this issue and other issues relating to parklands.

Unanimous

d) Proposed Cycle Ramp in Bradfield Park

Council holds Bradfield Park in Trust for the people of North Sydney and hence Council cannot give approval to Transport for NSW to build a cycle ramp in Bradfield Park. To build a cycle ramp in Bradfield Park, Transport for NSW would need to compulsorily acquire the land. To date, Transport for NSW has not done this. Nonetheless on 7th March Transport for NSW announced it had awarded a contract to Arengo (NSW) Pty Ltd to build a cycle ramp on land to which it has no legal access.

Lavender Bay Precinct would like to remind Council that it is not opposed to cyclists nor to rideable access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge but is strongly opposed to the linear cycle ramp because it, of necessity, destroys Bradfield Park North.

Resolved: THAT

the Chair write to the Mayor, cc Councillors and Chief Executive Officer requesting:

- i) Council adhere to their obligations under the Trust and comply with the advice which they sought and received from Richard Lancaster SC; and
- ii) Council urgently write to Transport for NSW advising they do not have, and nor can Council provide, approval to build a cycle ramp in Bradfield Park.

Unanimous

5. STATE GOVERNMENT ITEMS

a) Warringah Freeway Upgrade

There will be work during the Easter Weekend, notably in North Sydney and Alfred Street. Details are available at the following link:

<https://caportal.com.au/rms/wfu?newspost=7d8760cf-bf10-4e40-a327-fc2612e6d911>

6. COMMUNITY ITEMS

a) Wendys Secret Garden – Sat 6 April

The next volunteer gardeners' working bee will be on Saturday 6th April. Please contact Ian Curdie or the Acting Secretary for details.

b) Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Bradfield Park at 6.00am

The service will be conducted at 6.00am and all are invited to watch the sunrise at this service.

7. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

No matters were discussed under this item.

8. General business

a) Friends of Bradfield Park

Precinct members and the community are invited to join a Facebook group of concerned citizens who wish to share and safeguard the iconic Bradfield Park beside the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Below is a link to join the group and a QR Code.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofbradfieldpark>



- b) **Management of derelict vessels in Sydney Harbour - advance notice of petition**
Derelict vessels, jetties and piles are polluting Sydney Harbour and are dangerous for watercraft. A resident has asked that Precinct support an ePetition to Parliament, requesting the Legislative Assembly to take such action as is necessary to keep the Harbour clear of derelict vessels etc.

The petition is sponsored by Kobi Shetty, member for Balmain, and has already gained support of various community organisations. 10,000 signatures are required for the matter to be debated in Parliament. It is intended to launch the petition in July and Precinct will be advised how to participate.

The meeting agreed to circulate the proposed petition which is attached in Appendix A to these minutes. Please contact Mary Curran for details. curranmary207@gmail.com or 0411 178 181

c) **Lavender Bay Secretary**

EJ advised, due to work commitments, she was unable to fulfill the requirements of Lavender Bay Secretary and regrettably tendered her resignation. The Chair, on behalf of Precinct expressed his thanks to EJ for her hard work and support she had provided to Precinct. JS advised she was willing to accept the role of Acting Secretary.

Resolved: THAT

Precinct

- i) accepts the resignation of EJ as Secretary of Lavender Bay Precinct and expresses its appreciation to Emily for the hard work and support which she has provided to Precinct; and
- ii) accepts the nomination of JS as Acting Secretary.

Unanimous

9. Date of next meeting – Thursday, 2 May 2024

As the fourth Thursday of the month in April is 25 April i.e. ANZAC Day, the April meeting has been postponed by one week to **2nd May 2024**.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.



Robert Stitt KC
Chair, Lavender Bay Precinct

4 April 2024

Advance notice

PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly,

We the undersigned citizens of NSW request that the Legislative Assembly consider and act on the following:

Facts

1. Sydney Harbour is one of the world's greatest harbours. In the recent Stannards Marine case, Chief Justice Preston found that "protection of the natural assets of Sydney Harbour has precedence over all other interests".
2. Redundant and derelict vessels, jetties and piles exist in Sydney Harbour waters, which are unsightly, polluting and often dangerous.
3. In Berrys Bay, Snails Bay and elsewhere there are examples of vessels and structures that have been there unused for many years and greatly impair the amenity of the Harbour. There needs to be an investigation as to whether the responsible government agencies have followed proper processes, including an environmental and visual impact assessment.
4. The dolphins in Snails Bay are not being used for their approved purpose and are therefore unavailable for emergency shipping use.

Requests

We request the Legislative Assembly to take such action as is necessary to ensure that;

1. Sydney Harbour is cleared and kept clear of redundant, derelict, unused and unseaworthy vessels and structures,
2. An investigation is undertaken of whether the responsible NSW Government agencies have followed proper procedures, including an environmental and visual impact assessment, before allowing redundant, derelict, unseaworthy and disused vessels to be moored in Berrys Bay, Snails Bay and elsewhere in Sydney Harbour.
3. Restrict the use of the Snails Bay dolphins for their approved purpose and emergency use.