

WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING

Tuesday 1st October 2024

MINUTES

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting commenced 7.36

Chairman – KA

Minutes – IB

Attendance – 11

Apologies – IG, DL

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

PK asked that there be an amendment to September Minutes:

A report on the progress for the Sea Heritage Foundation and the Cape Don at the Coal Loader was presented in “Other Business” but was not included in the Minutes. Request that this report be included in the October Minutes”

Motion: The Minutes for the September meeting be accepted and the report for the Sea Heritage Foundation included in these minutes. “Carried”

3. EXISTING BUSINESS

- Merrett’s Playground currently underway. It was also noted this has included new pathways in Waverton Park.

- Woodley’s update. As the Western Sydney Tunnel now going through the lower sandstone layer well under the harbour floor no dive site is needed in the West Arm of Berry’s Bay. However, development of parkland in this locality is still to be funded as part of the project. The community has indicated in would like to see adaptive reuse of Woodley’s shed. JB spoke about the need to manage the Woodley’s project for minimal financial outlay: start small with something like the original Woodley Boathouse and build up if interest and finances available.

- Rail Noise Action Group requested residents to join their Linked in Group.

- Council Election Results. Zoe Baker likely to remain Mayor with 5 of her team elected over the 2 Wards. NSC has 10 councillors, 5 from St Leonard’s Ward and 5 from Cammeraygal Ward with Bay Rd being the dividing line.

- Save Our Sydney Harbour Campaign (SOS) going well. Need 20, 000 signatures to be able to present in Parliament. M C is the strong driving force on this project. Cards with QR codes are available, and people are asked to support and advertise the campaign.

- Noakes - the Floating Dry Dock returned to Snail Bay at end of August. Had been at Garden Island for work on James Craig. Council is aware Noakes is not meeting its Fire compliance requirements.
South Steyne and Flanagan's Afloat other examples of unsightly vessels in a beautiful harbour. Cement jetty to which they are attached was meant to be demolished when BP vacated the site in the late 1990’s. Money was taken by the State Government, but nothing done. The jetty reportedly is leased to Noakes?

4. NEW BUSINESS

- The New Administration Support Officer, has been appointed at NSC for all first point contact between Precinct and Council. She joins the Community Engagement Officer
- New Heritage listing of Carradah Park has been proposed. Submissions can be made to the Heritage Council of NSW by 6 November 2024.
- Two Attendees brought up new proposal for back of shops at Waverton on Railway land: Complying Development for a Micro hub e-business distribution centre. Leases are not being renewed for local businesses eg Botanica and owner of the gym (15 years in operation) told he cannot stay. Another attendee was able to Google on his phone and find a whole development plan but no local announcement. The proposal suggests larger trucks would leave goods for distribution by smaller electric vehicle. It was suggested this would cause noise and traffic congestion particularly at the site exit and on Bay Rd. Reportedly this is part of Govt initiative to decentralise emissions? No public consultation appears to have occurred. Precinct Executive to investigate and request an urgent meeting with Council.
- Closing of Balls Head for New Year's Eve – Unfortunately, no consultation was had with the Precinct. While no motion was passed the consensus was that on important decisions like this the Precincts views should be sort by Council before these decisions are made.
- PK (Resident and Volunteer on the Cape Don) gave further information about Cape Don and the Open Days planned for the October Long Weekend. She claimed the ship is seaworthy, has amazing interiors in good condition and has funding for external painting and maintenance. Volunteer guides and workers needed. Contact Tracy on 0422572513 - or see QR Codes on display at The Coal Loader for details and guided tours.

5. DA's

- 27 Tunks St - no one present to talk about it. No information available
- 17 Kings St - JB spoke at length about his 3-year application with NSC to put a top level on a house that is one of 5 in King St. All neighbours agree except one. John cannot comply with Council Regulations which he considers are outdated for the Waverton area.
- **Motion:** That NSC be asked to update its regulations and DCP in keeping with current conditions. "Carried "

6. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

7. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th November. 7.30pm Uniting Church Hall.

Meeting closed 9.00pm