



Report to General Manager

Attachments:
1. Minutes 20 November 2018

SUBJECT: Waverton Peninsula Working Group – Minutes 20 November 2018

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ENDORSED BY: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Waverton Peninsula Working Group held on 20 November 2018 for Council reception. The Minutes are provided for information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** Council receives the Minutes of the Waverton Peninsula Working Group held on 20 November 2018.
 - 2. THAT** should Council adopt any of the specific projects/proposals recommended in the minutes of the Waverton Peninsula Working Group held on 20 November 2018 a report be prepared detailing proposed costings, timelines and implications to existing workload and the adopted Delivery Program.
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LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 5. Our Civic Leadership

Outcome: 5.3 Council is ethical, open, accountable and transparent in its decision making

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Principles and Practices:

54.6 - The minutes of a Reference/Working Group meeting can only be confirmed and adopted by resolution of that Group, passed at a subsequent meeting of that Group. A motion or discussion in respect of the Minutes shall not be in order except as to their accuracy as a record of proceedings. Minutes may not be amended to reflect second thoughts on a resolution - changes may only be made if the accuracy of the resolution is found to be at fault; as per clause 19.2 of this Code.

54.7 - A report on the proceedings of Reference/Working Group meetings are to be submitted to the next available meeting of Council for endorsement, including all recommendations. Any Councillor may be the mover or seconder of a motion to confirm the proceedings of a Reference/Working Group meeting.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and as such did not warrant a detailed assessment.

DETAIL

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Minute Book Page No 6**MINUTES: WAVERTON PENINSULA WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 5.00PM.****PRESENT**

Councillor Baker in the Chair.

Staff: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
David Banbury, Landscape Architect/Projects Co-ordinator
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Citizen Members: Iain Bartholomew, Waverton Precinct
Genia McCaffery, Waverton Precinct
Bruce Donald, Waverton Precinct
Ian Grey, Resident
Margaret Petrykowski, Resident

Apologies: Ronald Osborn, Resident and Felicity Wilson MP, Member for North Shore

At the commencement of business (5.00pm) Councillors present were:

Councillor Baker in the Chair.

12. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 March 2018, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Bruce Donald and seconded by Iain Bartholomew.

Voting was unanimous.

13. Matters Arising

Nil.

14. Western Harbour Tunnel

It was stated by the Director of Open Space and Environmental Services that at this point there was no progress on this matter and therefore nothing to report.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT a meeting be requested with the Project Manager from RMS as soon as possible to talk about two aspects being the Construction Phase and Post Operational reform of the area, also for the scope of immediate action on land that should not be occupied, and that we have a special meeting as soon as they are available.

Moved by Ian Grey and seconded by Iain Bartholomew

Voting was unanimous.

15. Coal Loader Wharf

Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator followed up with NSW OEH Heritage Officer in regards to the state heritage listing application. The officer stated they are proposing a meeting with RMS on Monday 26 November to further discuss their position on the heritage item. The officer has said they will then have a meeting with Council and following that a meeting of all parties.

Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator tabled a concept of an adaptive re-use proposal for the heritage wharf, further developed since the initial 'stub' scheme. The scheme aims to better address heritage objective and improves environmental (marine habitat) outcomes whilst reducing demolition costs (such that the savings can be directed towards the adaptive reuse works).

The revised concept includes:

- Restoration of the tip of the jetty (in addition to the landward stub section as previously proposed) in timber (salvaged from the existing timber where possible) to original detail
- Retention & refurbishment of all steel substructure frames
- Retention of all piles below water within footprint
- A high level catwalk across the top of the steel substructure frames on the south side, linking the stub with the tip lookout. This also provides access to heritage vessel mooring as shown.
- A pontoon arrangement at the tip providing day boating & ferry access
- An accessible grade ramp on the north side from pontoon to park level

Preliminary costings were currently being obtained for discussions with the NSW Government authorities. There may be synergies with the WHTBL project need to relocate the existing heritage vessels.

It was discussed that the ferry service be (at least initially) established for tourists (as was the case for the Cockatoo Island service. The ferry service was seen as an ideal complement to the Sydney Harbour High Line proposal, as it could offer a return leg between Waverton & Kirribilli by water (or vice versa). Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator tabled an image showing the relatively short diversion from existing routes that would be required across to the tip of the coal loader wharf.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the Working Group recommend that Council adopt the revised adaptive re-use concept in-principle and advocate for it with OEH, RMS and also any other

relevant authority (e.g. Destination NSW, Sydney Ferries) as well as at a political level.

Moved by Iain Bartholomew and seconded by Margaret Petrykowski.

Voting was unanimous.

16. Quarantine Depot

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Services updated the Working Group stating that the Executive Director of Development and Transactions from Property NSW contacted the General Manager for a meeting and that meeting will take place Friday 23 November 2018, the meeting potentially being in regards to the sale of the Quarantine Station.

17. New Year's Eve

Balls Head Reserve will be open this year on New Year's Eve, Council will be monitoring it this year a little more closely than in the past. The Police will be back this year but will be set up in the Coal Loader. They will also be in Bradfield Park and Blues Point Reserve. Council will have people actively reviewing it this year and will report to Council and then provide a report for the Working Group.

18. Coal Loader Platform - Design Awards

Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator advised that the Coal Loader Platform project has been successful in being awarded the following accolades:

- Parks and Leisure Australia (NSW/ACT Chapter Regional Awards of Excellence) 2018 *Community Facility of the Year Award*
- Parks and Leisure Australia (NSW/ACT Chapter Regional Awards of Excellence) 2018 *Park of the Year Award*
- Parks and Leisure Australia (National) 2018 *Park of the Year Award*.
- The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (NSW Chapter) 2018 *Award of Excellence for Cultural Heritage*
- The Keep Australia Beautiful (NSW) 2018 *Sustainable Cities Award for Cultural Heritage*.

The PLA National award was presented to Council at the World Urban Parks Congress was held in Melbourne this year.

Toilets - Septic Tank at Balls Head Reserve

Council's Director Open Space and Environmental Service stated that Council has \$250,000 for this project. Options are currently being looked at to either update the septic system or connect the toilets back to the sewer main (which is near the intersection of Balls Head Road & Balls Head Drive).

Toilets - Coal Loader Platform

There is no money allocated for the design or construction. However, some options are currently being looked at in association with potential fitting out of the space

beneath the ramp as a pop-up bar / community space. A south east corner location may be possible but could require relocation of existing shade house & present challenges connecting back to street main.

Shade

The issue of more shade being needed was raised. It was noted that there will be more shade once the grape vines are established on the colonnade. However, it will likely be 2 or 3 years before the grape vines start to take up substantially on the structure.

It was suggested that in the interim, canvas strips could be woven through the existing wires, such they that they could be progressively removed as the vines established. However, there is currently no budget for this. Hiring out of umbrellas for the lawn area (such as those used for the opening and Spring Sounds events) is also under consideration.

Furniture

It was stated that there needs to be furniture for older people/people with children to sit down on at the coal loader. It was noted by Council's Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator that there were extensive areas to sit. However, it was acknowledged that requests for seats with backs had been received and was being looked into. Also the intent is to provide moveable furniture (chairs and tables) for flexibility – some of this has been purchased as a trial.

Generally

It was suggested that a report be put together by March 2019 (anniversary of the opening of the new facility) on the first year operation of the Coal Loader and its terrific increase in visitors from wide and far, and further exploring the interest being shown in an integrated tourism approach for the peninsula sites.

19. **General Business**

Signage

The need for signage celebrating the community campaign that led to the sites dedication as public open space was discussed. All agreed it was a very important initiative. However, a budget would need to be established for design and construction. It was suggested that the sign should incorporate natural materials, such as recycled timber (e.g. from the wharf), sandstone and steel, and could use laser cut lettering.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT the matter of signage celebrating the community involvement in the Waverton Peninsula ex-industrial sites be progressed.

Moved by Bruce Donald and seconded by Genia McCaffrey.

Voting was unanimous.

Floating Dry Dock

The applicant has been told to withdraw the application.

The Working Group would like to congratulate Stephen Beattie on his excellent work.

Noise from MV Cape Don

Council officers are currently liaising with the shipkeepers with an aim to reduce the noise emanating from the deck restoration works, as the needle-gun method in particular is causing disturbance to park users. The crew have been trialling different methods and are awaiting arrival of new 'scarifying' equipment, which is intended to largely take the place of the needle-guns. A copy of the advice from Director of the Sea Heritage Foundation (custodian of the vessel) was tabled. It was discussed that if the volunteer restoration crew are able to source more funds they may be able to complete the works over a shorter period.

20. Next Meeting Date - TBC

The Meeting concluded at 6.25pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER