

BRIGHTMORE PRECINCT

PART OF NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY PRECINCT SYSTEM

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: **WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021** **COMMENCING at 7.00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: 12 people attended the meeting
(COVID-19 restrictions of the venue limiting the meeting to 14 people)
APOLOGIES: JG, RM, GA, JC, CW

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes for the 9 DECEMBER 2020 meeting (previous meeting) were adopted.

CH opened the meeting.

2. UPDATE regarding a proposed Aged Care Development in Parraween Street

FG gave an update on the above. Since the Precinct December 2020 meeting, 504 people have signed a petition opposing the above proposed development, 240 of whom live in Parraween Street. There is also a petition on change.org with 408 signatures.

FG met with North Sydney Council's Mayor JG and SB, Manager Planning and Development Services. At this point none of staff in SB's department know anything about the proposed development, which is highly unusual. Of the 23 plots, 6 have exchanged contracts, with options on a further 8.

FG has engaged a heritage consultant and has also met with a lobbyist to do further work interviewing stakeholders, and then the results of the research will be presented to NSC and the NSW Government.

The final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is due by 26 February 2021 and is expected to have a recommendation to incorporate a hospital and morgue in aged-care facilities.

There may be a mix of accommodation in the proposed development - assisted living, dementia unit, nursing home.

One of the major concerns is the volume of traffic in Parraween Street, which was 2,700 vehicles per day in 2016.

N.B.. After the meeting, updated traffic volume statistics were obtained from Council, the most recent data being April 2019.

5 day Annual Average Daily Traffic - 3,236

7 day Annual Average Daily Traffic - 3,147

3. YOUNG STREET PLAZA TRIAL - Trial in place until end March 2021

The temporary plaza has cost \$475,000.

Some comments from the attendees:

- Again, the timing of the trial was questioned due to:
- Over Summer, with fine, warm weather. There would probably be a very different result in mid-winter.
- Over Christmas / New Year / School Holidays, when traffic levels are low. This is not a true test of traffic movements in the surrounding streets due to the closure at Military Road.
- Uninviting

- Windy
- Don't know if the mounds are skateboard ramps
- No-one there on a sunny Saturday afternoon about 2.30pm in school holidays
- Dangerous, with increased traffic coming from the Grosvenor Lane shared zone across Young St to the Council carpark (Catch-22, as the increased traffic is due to the closure of Young St at Military Rd)

An associated issue raised was the Shared Zone in Grosvenor Lane between Ben Boyd Rd and Young St. Now that the footpath has been removed, it is MORE dangerous for pedestrians. Garden beds on either side of the street force pedestrians from one side of the street to the other as walkways dead-end.

There is a "NO ENTRY" sign on Young St at the Shared Zone exit. The "BICYCLES EXCEPTED" sign that was there previously has been removed. However, cyclists continue to travel west from Young St to Ben Boyd Rd in the shared zone, with food delivery bikes proliferating in the area during Covid and using this short-cut. Maybe a "NO ENTRY - BICYCLES INCLUDED" sign should be erected.

Similarly, despite a "TRUCKS PROHIBITED" sign at the entrance to Grosvenor Lane Shared Zone off Ben Boyd Rd, large trucks continue to use the road.

There seems to be very little visible policing of these infringements by Council rangers.

How often do rangers patrol this laneway?

4. WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL & WARRINGAH FREEWAY UPGRADE - Update

WHT has been approved despite all previous concerns, with virtually no concessions granted.

CH noted that a very good campaign had been run, with NSC, Precincts and the CPC heavily involved.

Parks Precinct is continuing its campaign to get guarantees and accountability on aspects of the construction e.g. routes of construction vehicles, number of trucks.

Council installed air quality equipment in St Leonards Park some time ago, so there is a base level to measure air quality.

KF noted from 1 June 2021 part of Cammeray Golf Club will be taken over for parking associated with the construction. CGC will continue to operate during construction, with about 1/3 of the course lost. 25% will be lost permanently to Motorway Facilities Buildings.

There was discussion about access to/from SHB & SHT from local roads and in particular Ernest St and Military Road.

The following motion was put and resolved unanimously "**FOR**".

Concerns remain about local access to roads as a result of construction of WHT, WFU, BL and GHFC

5. BEACHES LINK & GORE HILL FREEWAY CONNECTION EIS

Feedback closes 1 March 2021

Virtual Information Sessions have been held, with recordings available at Transport for NSW website:

<https://portal.com.au/rms/bl/about-the-project>

LS to send out email from Parks Precinct with Questions posed by Parks Precinct, with Answers from the TfNSW Beaches Link team.

6. DIVISION/AMALGAMATION OF BRIGHTMORE PRECINCT

There are currently 26 Precincts, with 6 inactive. NSC wants to reduce the number to 15. Council has been undertaking a Precinct Review, which CH has been involved in. One proposal is to split Brightmore between Parks and Willoughby Bay Precinct. The other is to amalgamate with another precinct.

Comments from the attendees:

- The Precinct works well as it is.
- A meeting with more attendees will take longer, as everyone has their say. For example, this meeting lasted 2 hours with 12 attendees.
- A larger venue would be required, probably requiring a car journey. People wanted to be able to walk or not travel very far.
- "1-size fits all" strategy does not work. All precincts are different.

The following motion was put and resolved unanimously "**FOR**".

We are opposed to any division of amalgamation of Brightmore Precinct.

7. CORRESPONDENCE, DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, GENERAL BUSINESS

Development Applications

110, 118 & 122 Walker St, North Sydney - construction of a 55 storey commercial tower, roof terraces and basement parking including retail premises and signage zones

Unit 10, 80-12 Winnie St, Cremorne - alterations and additions including rear addition over 2 levels, new deck, screen fence to boundary and various other modifications

70 Sutherland St, Cremorne - construction of a double garage

10 Levick St, Cremorne - construction of a carport and associated works

Amended Development Applications

30, 32 & 34 Grosvenor St, Neutral Bay - demolition of existing buildings and construction of (4) storey residential flat building with basement parking

Development Approvals

59 Earle St, Cremorne - new front boundary fence and planter box over existing garage

NEXT MEETING: To be held on 10 March 2021
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