

## **HAYBERRY PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES 29 October 2020**

**Meeting 6.15 pm 29 October 2020 at the Ros Crichton Pavilion, Miller Street.**

**Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm**

**Present: 7. West St 3; Hayberry Street 2; Ridge Street 2.**

**Apologies: 6**

### **Item 1: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the Precinct meeting held on 3 September 2020 were circulated and adopted.

**Outcome 1: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September were tabled and adopted (unanimous).**

### **Item 2: Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer (DW) advised that the Precinct's account balance was \$1,501.52.

### **3. Precinct AGMs not to be held in 2020/21 due to impact of COVID-19**

### **Item 3: Precinct AGMs not to be held in 2020/21 due to the impact of COVID-19**

The Chair (GS) conveyed Council advice that we shall not have AGMs in 2020/21 due to impact of Covid-19. There is no need to seek elections for the coming year.

### **4. Report of Combined Precinct Committee meeting of 20 October 2020**

The Chair (GS) provided an overview of issues discussed at the recent CPC Meeting, namely:

- ecosystem mapping;
- promotion of the many start-up businesses in North Sydney;
- tree canopy issues;
- the Precinct system review;
- Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade.

### **Item 5: The Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade - draft letter to parliamentary representatives**

The Chair (GS) reported that the CPC Chair had prepared pro-forma letters for each committee to send to the NSW Government. CPC had formed a Working Group draft the letters. The Chair will provide letters to send out as people wish. The project is being treated by the NSW Government as a fait accompli and is likely to receive funding from the federal government's infrastructure program. CPC expressed the view that the best we can do is write to our federal and state representatives.

**Outcome 2: A motion was passed unanimously:**

**"That the Hayberry Precinct circulate the letter drafted by the CPC to the Hayberry Precinct mailing list so Hayberry Precinct residents can, should they choose, write to their local member along those lines."**

#### **Item 6: North Shore Catholic Education Precinct (NSCEP) plan**

JL spoke to this issue and expressed concern that the finished precinct would bring traffic to a standstill in the whole area. EG, who had attended a virtual consultative meeting on the proposal, explained that the current egress for cars was from Miller and Ridge Streets. Marist Brothers school had been told that they would have to cease using the Miller Street exit as it is a main road. They want to maintain the Ridge Street entry and create new entry/exit on Carlow Street, leading to an underground carpark. The Ridge Street entrance would be confined to K-2, so traffic there would decrease. The rest would enter and exit through Carlow Street side, including 80 places in a proposed early learning centre. Parents would be required to drive into the basement, park and escort in lift to drop-off, with the same occurring in reverse on departure. This would create a significant new amount of traffic opposite the bottle shop on Carlow Street near the Miller Street traffic lights. The thinking is that those leaving would have to turn right. EG expressed doubts whether that would work, as many would want to turn left and then right onto West Street. The consultants at the meeting demonstrated little understanding of the practical implications of what they were proposing, providing only a one-sentence summary from internal traffic consultant. Hayberry Precinct residents should be concerned re statements by external traffic management consultants who don't know or care much about impact on the community. It is important to note that the proposers do not expect the school to reach capacity (2,000 students) until 2030, so the traffic might be ok at first but an increasing nightmare over the years. There was broad discussion on this matter.

#### **Outcome 3: A motion was passed unanimously:**

**"That the Hayberry Precinct support the need for detailed Council and community engagement with traffic consultants for the NSCEP plan with regard to the impact of entry and egress plans for Ridge and Carlow Streets and their impacts on traffic flows and pedestrian safety on Carlow, Ridge and West Streets, noting the increased congestion on local roads caused by COVID-19 and the future impact of Western Harbour Tunnel traffic flows on Miller and West Streets."**

#### **Item 7: St Leonards South Precinct development decision - implications for Hayberry Precinct**

JF offered some further thoughts on the St Leonards South Precinct development decision, mainly that there would be an ongoing risk of a similar dynamic in the Hayberry Precinct: namely, of large development proposals - a product of entrenched interests favouring greater development, supported by both layers of government - because high concentration in some areas lets them off the hook for unpopular decisions affecting other members of the community. It could be advantageous for the Council and helps NSW government meet its density increase objectives. There would be a small group of negatively-affected residents but larger group who benefitted mildly. The whole process exemplifies the opaqueness of planning decision making, of no-one knowing what's going on at any level, as well as the high degree of flexibility regarding Local Environment Plans. It is

important, therefore, that Hayberry Precinct residents understand that our Precinct could be next in line so that they can voice their views to local politicians and in local elections.

**Item 8: Parking Restrictions in the Crows Nest Area – Parking Area 19**

DW went through the changes, which represented a toughening of previous arrangements - more parking meters and shorter free-parking periods.

**Item 9: Pavement Rectification Works, Miller and Blue Streets - Community Consultation, Stage 1 & 2**

Information item only.

**Item 10: Precinct System Review.**

GS provided some background on Council's proposed consultation process for next steps of this review. It involves complex issues, and consideration of the issues will be in bite-sized chunks.

**Item 11: Young Street Temporary Closure and Trial Plaza**

Information item only.

**Item 12: NSW Government's Notice of Intention to consider listing Ball Head Coal Loader Complex on the State Heritage Register**

GS notified meeting of this issue.

**Item 13: Other Business**

The Demolition Plans for 27 to 57 Falcon St will officially be posted this Friday. This is an emergency DA application following a fire in one of the buildings earlier in October.

A number of Hayberry Precinct residents live directly opposite this collection of buildings and would like to know:

- the time that Ethos Urban anticipate the demolition will take
- what they will do with the site afterwards until it is developed
- what if any plans Ethos have to rectify any damage to the surroundings structures
- if council has made any decision regarding development of the site

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 February 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:30 PM.