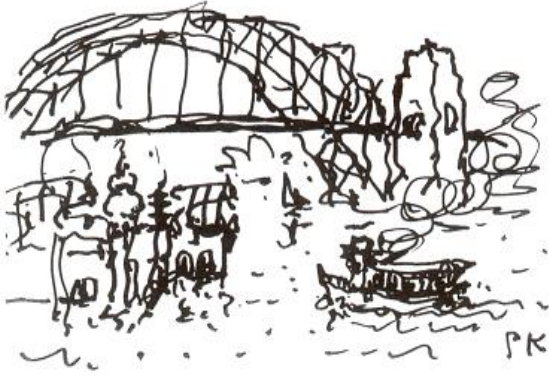


Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 27 August 2020

Starting at 8 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston AM

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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1. Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of previous meeting

There were 13 registered attendees and 12 apologies. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 30 July meeting.

2. Chair's report

(a) 1 Henry Lawson Avenue, McMahons Point: The Member for North Shore's office has advised that the Planning Minister's Corporation has determined a market value for the site and issued a letter of offer to the landowners on 23 June. This starts the six-month negotiation period before compulsory acquisition can occur. The community should start thinking about its preferences for the foreshore after Sydney Metro vacates the adjoining site.

(b) Floating dry dock proposal: The Sydney North Planning Panel will meet to determine DA [57/19](#) at 1pm on Tuesday 1 September. The assessor's report includes a comment that the proposal would provide a broader public benefit of providing a piece of infrastructure in an appropriate location. Precinct disagrees.

Anyone wishing to address the panel or listen to the [teleconference](#) should email enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au by 10am on Monday 31 August.

(c) MLC Building: The Committee for North Sydney is opposing the [proposed](#) demolition and is developing a proposal for retention and adaption.

(d) Speeding vehicles: There is an ongoing problem with vehicles speeding on Blues Point Road, McMahons Point, and surrounding roads, especially at night.

Precinct asks Council to investigate the feasibility of a bidirectional fixed speed camera and associated signage on Blues Point Road, McMahons Point.

3. State Government items

- (a) Sydney Metro extended usage proposal:** The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment has released the submissions on this proposal. There were 14 from the public (13 objecting and 1 commenting) and 2 from public authorities.

Council's submission objects to various aspects of the proposal (including increased use of the local road network, potential noise and amenity impacts, traffic and parking impacts, ongoing alienation of public open space, public safety issues through McMahons Point, and impacts on the use of Blues Point Reserve). Council is seeking various commitments including a 20km/h speed limit on Blues Point Road and specific limits on vehicle numbers.

The EPA's submission states that the proponent should be required to examine opportunities to reduce hours of operation, recommends that DPIE carefully examine whether 24x7 works are justified, and recommends that further detailed assessment be undertaken to support the proposed modification.

DPIE has asked Sydney Metro to respond to the issues raised by 7 September. Approval will be required from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

- (b) Pop-up cycleway:** The State Government has announced a pop-up cycleway along the Pacific Highway between Alfred Street South, Milsons Point, and West Street, North Sydney. Transport for NSW is working with Council to finalise plans. The community will be notified at least 4 weeks before construction commences.

4. Council items

- (a) Streets as Shared Spaces program grant:** Council has been granted \$1m for pilot pedestrianisation of 3 sites (Burton Street east of Broughton Street, Kirribilli, the Burton Street tunnel, Milsons Point, and Miller Street between Pacific Highway and Berry Street, North Sydney), plus a pilot shared zone in Bligh Street, Kirribilli.

The meeting discussed concerns about the relationship between the Miller Street site and Western Harbour Tunnel plans, as well as concerns about bus/Metro transfers in the area.

Precinct asks Council to create a community reference group to monitor outcomes for the pilot pedestrianisation sites.

- (b) Public domain upgrades:** Council has prepared draft masterplans for long-term public domain upgrades of the Kirribilli and McMahons Point village centres. They involve footpath widening and additional tree planting. In McMahons Point, in-lane bus stops are proposed to narrow the road. The draft masterplans will shortly be put on exhibition for 60 days.

5. Development Applications

(a) Aqualuna Residences, 30 Alfred Street South, Milsons Point ([563/03/9](#)):

Modify consent for addition of satellite dish and antenna to roof, and deletion of Dind Street awning. Comments due Friday 21 August.

The meeting heard about concerns by local residents regarding the proposed deletion of the awning with no stated public interest rationale. The meeting agreed to support the concerns raised by local residents.

(b) Pet Medical, 28 Alfred Street South, Milsons Point ([289/17/4](#)): Modify consent to confirm overnight boarding of animals following a 12-month trial. Comments due Friday 28 August. The meeting noted the application.

(c) Blue on Lavender Bay, 61 Lavender Street, Milsons Point ([112/01/15](#)): Modify consent with regard to extension of construction hours for internal fit-out works (to 10pm weekdays and 5pm weekends). Comments due Friday 4 September.

The meeting heard about significant concerns regarding the potential impact of the extended hours on nearby residents. The meeting agreed to support the concerns raised by local residents.

(d) Blue on Lavender Bay, 61 Lavender Street, Milsons Point ([112/01/14](#)): Modify consent for reconfiguration of non-residential tenancy layout on ground floor, reconfiguration of shop top units on ground and first floors, and other changes. The DA was advertised in May and attracted 18 submissions.

The North Sydney Local Planning Panel will meet to determine the DA at 2pm on 2 September. Anyone wishing to address the panel or make a written submission should email NSLPP@northsydney.nsw.gov.au by 5pm on Monday 31 August.

(e) Floating dry dock proposal: The meeting discussed concerns about amenity impacts of increased industrial activity in a small bay, a desire to preserve the nature of the suburb, risks associated with the proposed operation and questioned the broader public benefit when the service can be provided elsewhere. The Chair will address the Planning Panel on these concerns.

6. Community Events

Wendy's Secret Gardening: The next gardening morning is Saturday 5 September. RSVP to IC by Wednesday 2 September.

7. General Business

Sydney Heritage Fleet: The Sydney Heritage Fleet has approached Union Precinct to discuss a proposal for the old Woodley's site.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next meeting: 8pm, Thursday 24 September (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).