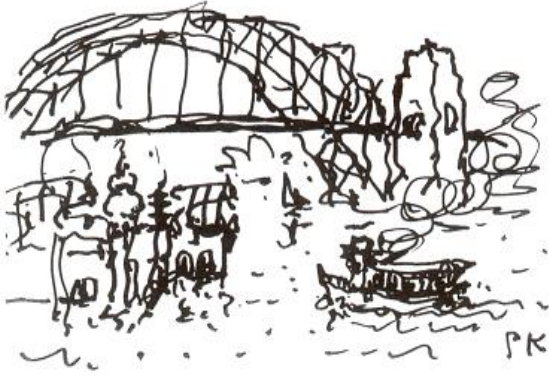


Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 30 July 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 18 registered attendees and 15 apologies. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 26 March vote outside of committee meeting.

2. Chair's report

(a) Blues Point extended usage proposal: The Chair wrote to the Premier in June conveying the community's dismay about Sydney Metro's change of plans for the site and the community's view that this was a breach of trust. The Chair also suggested speeding up the acquisition of 1 Henry Lawson Avenue.

The Chair received a reply from a Transport for NSW Principal Manager advising that, if the proposal is approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Sydney Metro would look to mitigate the impacts on local residents and businesses wherever possible.

(This would include restricting periods where high-noise activities are carried out, using quieter equipment and machinery where practical, limiting compression braking and idling of heavy vehicles where possible, and providing updates to local residents and businesses about upcoming work.)

(See later discussion about the Blues Point access site.)

(b) 1 Henry Lawson Avenue: In response to Precinct's ongoing enquiries, the Chair received an update from the State Member's office confirming that the Planning Minister's Corporation had completed due diligence for the property, and outlining the acquisition process. The current status of negotiations is not clear.

3. State Government items

- (a) **Blues Point access site:** Sydney Metro's modification report has been put on exhibition by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The meeting heard concerns about the change of plans and the significant impact on local residents. The 2016 Environmental Impact Statement forecast 108 daily truck movements during excavation. Following Precinct's calls for barging, this was reduced to 68 daily movements. The modification report proposes 128 daily movements, 7 days a week (including night deliveries).

Motion: The Lavender Bay Precinct Committee asks Council to strongly object to the Department of Planning regarding the proposed continued use of the Blues Point temporary site beyond the end of 2020. Carried unanimously.

The modification report and submissions link are [here](#) until Wednesday 5 August.

- (b) **Henry Lawson Reserve reinstatement:** The meeting heard about the need to think about the design of the area currently occupied by Sydney Metro and 1 Henry Lawson Avenue. Landscaping to support inclusion in a Harbour foreshore walk would be desirable.

4. Council items

- (a) **Precinct System Review Stage 1:** Council has released a discussion paper and amended Code of Conduct for office-bearers and members.

The meeting heard a summary of some of the key points, including a potential expansion to businesses, disclosure of significant pecuniary interests in matters under discussion, Precinct resolutions being required before representing Precinct's views to Council, and rules regarding Council attendance at Precinct.

The meeting discussed the boundary reallocation options and heard concerns about suburb-based boundaries. Firstly, that suburb boundaries are not always obvious, and secondly that some parts of Lavender Bay have a greater affinity with McMahons Point or Milsons Point.

The documents and submission forms are [here](#) until Wednesday 19 August.

- (b) **North Sydney Olympic Pool:** The Sydney North Planning Panel gave consent to DA [347/19](#) on 1 July. It is expected that tenders will be called in the near future, with contracts let shortly after that.
- (c) **Bradfield Park:** The meeting heard that site compounds are being established in Bradfield Park North to support railway resleepering and in Bradfield Park South to support the Northern Toll Plaza Precinct Upgrade. Both are expected to last 18 months. A request for bins in Bradfield Park North will be considered later.
- (d) **Lavender Green:** The meeting heard that fencing has been erected around Lavender Green in relation to COVID-19 crowd control.

- (e) **Toilet renovations:** Council has been refurbishing the toilet block in Blues Point Reserve for the last month. In line with standard practice, no porta loos were provided, which has caused foreshore visitors to urinate in the park.

Precinct asks Council to review their standard practice, especially for extended outages in busy parks with no nearby alternatives.

5. Development Applications

- (a) **105 Miller Street, North Sydney (147/20):** Demolition of existing heritage-listed building, and construction of a 27-storey commercial building, including upgrade of existing ground plane, and 2 basement levels. Comments due Friday 7 August.

The meeting heard that the existing building is an early example of curtain-wall building, is well designed and is non-intrusive. The meeting heard concerns that the proposed replacement does not match the site and has a brash style.

Motion: The Lavender Bay Precinct Committee objects to the development application for the reasons that it does not match the site and has a brash style. The Precinct Committee wishes to preserve the heritage building and suggests the investigation of alternative uses for the existing building. Unanimous.

- (b) **42 Waiwera Street, Lavender Bay (368/19):** Amended plans for alterations and additions to 2 semi-detached dwellings, including basement level. Comments due Friday 14 August. Precinct noted the amended plans and suggests that nearby residents review the application from their own perspective.

- (c) **Floating Dry Dock proposal (57/19):** The meeting heard that the Sydney North Planning Panel has received a formal briefing and agreed that the DA should be withdrawn due to non-concurrence from the Environmental Planning Authority, otherwise it should proceed to determination in mid to late August, dependent on the Panel's availability.

The meeting heard about the historical usage of the area as part of a working harbour. The view also heard that approval of the application would have significant impacts on what is now a residential area.

6. Community Events

Wendy's Secret Gardening: The next gardening morning is Saturday 1 August.

7. General Business

Local Government NSW Conference: Council has requested proposed motions to be discussed at the Local Government NSW Conference in November.

Motion: That educational institutions acquiring additional land pay Council rates on new acquisitions. Carried, with 2 against.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next scheduled meeting: 8pm, Thursday 27 August (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).