

## Milson Precinct MINUTES Zoom meeting - Thursday, 2 September 2021 7.30 pm

- **Introductions & Welcome by TB - to chair this meeting,**
- Housekeeping - use your Mute icon. Raise hand or use chat function.
- **Introductions of names, & address - Total Nos: 15** Voting:
  - 5 Office Bearers: EW, SG, TB, JC, VB
  - CR's:
    - Community: TW, AB, PH, PR, AL, EB & DB, KB & GB, & JN
- **Apologies: 7** Crs ZB, JK, & MAB, MG, CL, RB, Mayor
- **Meeting Minutes 5 August 2021 Moved: EW Seconded: SG**
- **Matters arising:**

**NSC response to our Precinct motions: NSC Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2021 since last meeting - August 2021.** Burton Street Crossing; Burton St Closure; Burton Street Tunnel usage – referred to Team leader Events; NS DCP - tower setbacks; Broughton Street Speed Hump was to be on Agenda for NSC Traffic Meeting 3 September 2021.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct to send** formal request to NSC Events team to have them express their thoughts of what activities could be entertained for the tunnel space, prior to seeking them to attend a precinct meeting to hear some of the community's ideas for the space to enliven the community.

**Moved: TB Seconded: EW Voting: Unanimous**

### **AGENDA: Topics for Discussion**

#### **1. Cycleway design competition for access to Sydney Harbour Bridge**

Three architecture firms are to be short listed for the design competition for ONLY the Linear design, Community consultation period will be by October/November?

**MOTION: Milson Precinct is disappointed** in the way that the community consultation votes were considered, interpreted, and results incorrectly displayed in August's Consultation Report. in fig.23 – Submissions from Individuals on page 32. Milson Precinct requests that NSC liaise with TfNSW and the three architects chosen for the contest, to request that the design should be a lightweight temporary structure that could be easily dismantled when the NSC cycling strategy along the freeway gains access to the SHB.

**Moved: DB Seconded: JC Voting For: 12 Against: 3 TW, EW & TB**

#### **2. Update on Combined Precincts Meeting - 17 August 2021 (by JC)**

- Introduction New Executive Manager Governance - new role - Government and Committee Services, Councillor meetings, Legal risk, safety, Office of Mayor, with no experience of Precincts.

- LG Election - 4 September 2021 & can't be changed again! - said ONLY ONCE! Twice!
- Covid Safe measures: I-vote - only for blind, disabled, silent roll & more than 20kms away – not confident the system could cope with more than last state election
- Postal vote widened: Retirement, Aged, and now to include if a person feels at risk to self if attend a polling booth
- PRE-Poll changed to Allow anyone to pre-poll over 2 weeks prior
- Declaration of the election will not be until 21-23 December due to postal delays!
- Council must meet within 3 weeks to elect Mayor & Deputy Mayor for 2 y term.
- Council's Access & Inclusion Co-ordinator, CT - ppt's & talk on Homelessness in NS LGA - Rough Sleepers 7% in NS, 15% in 10 boarding houses, 44% overcrowded; & Social Housing. Outreach within 48 hrs, but respect their choice, to live outside. DA approved for one new Social Housing from a single NSC property to now house up to 12 or so. Vinnies have 130 clients in Cremorne to NS area
- First Nations people protocol guidelines - NSC Internal documents last updated 2014
- **WFU - Trees** audit to retain only 145 of 718 trees - 573 mature trees to go. Loss of tree canopy and urban fauna protection gone. Request NSC to try to save many and to ensure larger trees replaced with mature trees
- **Also WHT&BL & WFU** community consultation zoom on 26 August 2021
- **OLG** and NSC to call for referenda question for LG Election - 9 Councillors inclusive of mayor elected from Councillors
- **Holt Avenue** - Interim heritage order to save the intact homes.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** appreciate the information provided through the CPC.

### 3. Platypus Update – construction and parking

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** to seek a zoom meeting with SHFT person, attend our October Meeting, to inform the community about the next stages with cranes, construction, parking, access, as the community drop-in events have not been available due to COVID-19

**Moved: TB    Seconded: PH    Voting For:                    Unanimous**

### 4. Local pedestrian and traffic safety issues

**Bligh Street closure** - to paint patchwork colours on the road surface, along with traffic issues in Burton Street at Humphrey Place - with changed traffic directions for Humphrey Place.

**Discussion:** Over-elaboration of the distinctive patterning for the temporary pedestrian shared zone in Bligh St. **Milson Precinct also notes that it** was not informed, during the community consultation process for the Kirribilli Master Plan, that Bligh St, would be closed; nor the road surface was to be painted for the six months trail as a shared zone; nor that the direction of traffic along Humphrey Place would be reversed from Bligh to Burton St. The community is concerned at the

waste of money, as well as the lack of any notification that the works were to commence in Bligh Street.

**MOTION: Milsons Precinct** requests that NSC advise if the changed traffic direction of Humphrey Place from Bligh is to be permanent? Please cease the extensive painting of Bligh St, open the road again, change the traffic signage and save the ratepayers money.

**Moved: JC      Seconded: TB      Voting For:      Unanimous**

**Broughton Street Speed Hump** - As previously advised by the Mayor, four traffic calming devices, not six, satisfy requirements to maintain a 40kph zone. The speed hump outside 87 Broughton Street has been vividly identified on camera and through noise assessment as being a considerable nuisance and of extremely adverse impact on adjacent residential amenity. There was broad support for elimination of this particular traffic calming element in this section of Broughton Street. Opportunity for submission by the broader community is denied when the item does not appear on the NSC Traffic Committee Meeting Agenda, as the subject of interest is not identified.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** requests that NSC remove this traffic calming device on Broughton St outside No. 87, as it is redundant and causing problems for residents. And that opportunity for submission in future be safeguarded by identifying matters raised to be included on agenda papers and not rely on unanticipated matters arising through General Business.

**Moved: JC      Seconded: PH      Voting For:      Unanimous**

**Broughton St, tree outside The Botanist** – concern raised about the height of the roots of the tree being above the new paving levels, then covered in blue metal and sealed in bitumen, but still elevated above the footpath. It is still a very raised surface, which will continue to lift the paving into the future and be a further trip hazard.

#### **5. Development Applications**

- DA 248/21 - 42 High Street, Kirribilli, alt and additions, new basement garage, rear deck, landscaping. **Milson Precinct NOTED**
- DA398/2019-2 - 45 Willoughby St, Kirribilli modification. **Milson Precinct NOTED**
- DA240/21 - 18 Jeffries St, Kirribilli, new window on side boundary

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** does not support windows being placed in a side boundary wall.

**Moved: JC      Seconded: JN      Voting For: 11      Against: 3      (EW TW TB)**

**Topics for Information**

**6. Burton St. Pedestrian Crossing feedback only extended till 5 September 2021 after notification on the NSC website stated 19 December 2021 (informally said to be a mistake).**

**Discussion:** The decision on this matter should be delayed until November or December 2021 to allow parents input as well as seeing how needed it will be, given the Burton Street trial closure, with changed traffic conditions and movements to get into and out of Kirribilli. Decisions should not be made until after further traffic studies, as advised during the initial Kirribilli Masterplan consultation, are undertaken during the trial closure period.

We request that these studies are not undertaken until after normal school traffic resumes, post Covid Public Health Orders to stay at home and home school.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** requests that the decision on this Burton Street Pedestrian Crossing is deferred until the Burton Street trial with the changed traffic movements are analysed, after schools resume and that the advertised time of 19.12.21 be the appropriate closing date not 5 September 2021.

**Moved: TW   Seconded: TB   Voting For:            Unanimous**

**7. 500 Trees being felled for Warringah Freeway Utility upgrade**

**Discussion:** In light of the substantial number of trees to be removed by TfNSW, over 500, concern was expressed for a monitoring of that assessment by NSC arborist to verify the absolute minimum number necessary for removal. Where necessary root disturbance could be minimised to avoid losing any tree; the numbers replaced due to die off should be 2 trees for every tree initially lost and should include a variety of trees planted at various stages of growth and not confined simply to the smallest size.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct requests NSC's arborists** to take a census for all 500 plus trees marked to be removed by TfNSW and that all precautions be taken to maximise both retentions and replacement of all trees threatened under the survey.

**Moved: EB   Seconded: JC   Voting For:            Unanimous**

**8. Anderson Park - \$1 million upgrade including outdoor fitness training, new lighting, re-turf, relocation of sports field and improved drainage**

**Discussion:** This is now the implementation stage of the Anderson Park Master Plan, following on from public consultation and endorsed by NSC. This does not entail any artificial turf. Details of positioning of the playing fields was needing to be checked to ensure that the execution matches the agreed and approved consultation design.

**9. General Business**

**Communications:** There was no consultation with the community concerning Bligh Street changes and closure nor was the Jeffery Street wharf and Broughton Street

changes communicated to the community. The community was not informed as the matters were implemented and progressed either.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct is concerned** at the continuing lack of timely advice or consultations with the Kirribilli community in relation to traffic changes, a further example of. This is the unforeseen closure of Bligh St, for over a week, and the surprised application of a patterned road surface, for the six-month trial.

There was no mention in the NSC precinct E-News for the current or proposed works, prior to them commencing. This work has caused great inconvenience to the surrounding residents and community. We ask NSC to advise why there was no notification of these works to take place.

**Moved: VB    Seconded: TB    Voting For: 12                    Unanimous**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** requests that the Traffic calming device at Broughton St and Kirribilli Avenue, near Jeffrey St. Wharf, be brought to the next Traffic Committee meeting, to be assessed for public safety, sight lines for cars exiting Kirribilli Ave, as well as the manoeuvrability of buses, with the aim of potential removal, in the interest of public safety, as the Stop Sign has been damaged several times.

**Moved: PH    Seconded: JC    Voting For: 12                    Unanimous**

#### **10. TRIPS & HAZARDS:**

**Milson Precinct brings the following matters to NSC's attention to be rectified:**

- a) The Steps between Ennis Road and Broughton St. At Willoughby Road, are uneven surface, causing pooling of water after rain, becoming very unsafe when wet.
- b) Raised foot path on northern side of Kirribilli Avenue, on the St. Aloysius school side of the road, outside 16 Kirribilli Avenue. It is a very deep and uneven footpath caused by the Jacaranda tree.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 7 October 2021 @ 7.30 pm. Via Zoom.

#### ***Milson Precinct Historical Snippets***

**Bligh Street.** Henry Hocken Bligh (1826-1904) was the first elected Mayor of Willoughby in 1869 and was a former alderman on the Borough of East St. Leonards. He bought land in Kirribilli and built "Trelawney" now