

# MILSON PRECINCT MEETING – MINUTES

On: THURSDAY, 5 November 2020 at 7.30 pm

VIA ZOOM due to COVID-19

- Welcome by Terry Byrnes - to chair this meeting,
- Introductions of names, & address - Total Nos: 18 DS, TB, SG, EW, TW, VB, JC, L, AB, RB, HE, BK & NK, DB, PM, TD, CF, PR
- Apologies: 6 KS, F&TI, LM, K&GB
- Meeting Minutes - 8 October 2020 (at end of this Agenda) Moved: ET Seconded: SG
- Matters arising:

NSC response to our Precinct motions: NSC Summary of Actions Arising (SOA) 2020 since last meeting - October 2020, available on NSC website under Milson Precinct.

## AGENDA:

1. **Zoom Guest Speaker – Daniel Sealy – Sub-Base Platypus update –** Community Consultation out soon – 4 weeks - to commence Thursday 12.11.20; which will be advertised widely to the community via website, email lists, plans will be available at NSC, Stanton library, SHFT offices at Mosman; Drop-in sessions on site Harbourside will be held Sat. 21/11/20 from 10am – 2 pm, and Thurs.26/11/20 from 4 pm – 7pm.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct thanks DS for his time tonight, and appreciates the information shared. We will welcome him to our 3 December 2020 meeting, to answer any questions that people may have during the community consultation period, and prior to end of submissions.

Moved: JC      Seconded: VB      Voting For: UNANIMOUS

2. **Kirribilli Draft Masterplan for Public Domain Areas –** detailed motion concerning need for a traffic study; parking; footpaths; tunnel; lighting; Ennis Rd.

**MOTION:** Milson Precinct was not entirely satisfied with the meeting held with the consultants and DM after our October meeting, for the following stated reasons, and MAKES the following SUBMISSION:

### A. Lost Opportunities & inconsistent information that needs to be addressed:

- Different information was given on the walk about than had been made available on the plans;
- the MasterPlan should be extended to include all high pedestrian and tourist zone areas;
- the community was informed that Jeffrey St was no longer included;
- a different set of plans was provided to the consultant and not the community;

- No reference was made to the Visitor Strategy of 2019, or its relationship to opportunities for pedestrian visitor participation eg. end of Broughton St, Bradfield Park and Olympic Drive

**B. Traffic Study & Impacts is needed:**

- Milson Precinct requests that a traffic study be included to address the number of car movements along all the Kirribilli streets, especially those that are planned to be closed / pedestrianised or made into shared zones, or others with no pedestrian footpath, for a full understanding of the impact of those car movements onto other streets;
- and school drop off and pick up movements, from both Loreto and St. Aloysius Junior schools of over 700 students;
- Survey local residents whose garages on Crescent Place and Humphrey Place that use these roads;
- Survey local residents who live on Carabella, Burton & Bligh Streets, between Willoughby and Fitzroy St, as many do not have off street parking;
- The variety of all bus movements should be noted, as well as all the 'Out of Service' buses that travel these Kirribilli streets. (Issue of taking some/many of these buses off Broughton St is dealt within see item 3.)

**C. Burton St. Tunnel:**

- This section of Burton Street, within the tunnel is a very inhospitable space, as it is windy and draft-y, during substantial periods throughout the year;
- Importantly the mouth of the Broughton St. tunnel should be emphasised as an opportunity for activation and a permanent centre for activity, eg. a movable grandstand etc.
- Intervening Green structures could be placed in front of the walls to soften the appearance & low barriers could reduce the wind effects and help to ameliorate the current acoustic reverberation within the tunnel itself along with other improved acoustics;
- A connection to the wider pedestrian 'scramble' crossing the full width of Burton Street, to cross over Broughton Street, is seen to be a positive to link the opposite sides of Burton St.
- The Form, Space, Design and Use of the tunnel space has to be more fully thought through;
- The temporary markets through the tunnel twice a month works very well.
- Some parking should remain at the western end of the tunnel, and especially disable parking for people travelling on the train, as the tunnel is closest to the station entrance on Alfred Street.
- Lights and pop-up displays could be added, but security would need to be considered for nighttime.

**D. Parking:**

- The loss of Burton St's 35 parks, and the gain of Ennis Road angle parking, still leaves a net loss of 15 parking spaces for the Village, which impacts on the businesses, cafes, restaurants, and local residents.

- Noting that all the buildings along Alfred St., were originally office buildings, without sufficient parking for the residential apartment conversions, some residents utilise the Burton St. Tunnel for parking their cars at night.
- Milson Precincts therefore requests that there is **no net loss of parking** for the village, which is already at a premium.

**E. Loading Zones:**

- There are Loading Zones on Broughton St, outside the pub, above Crescent Place, as well as outside Flight Centre and Chemist, and on Ennis Road, prior to the Station Entry point; These are to remain.
- These footpaths, which have already been widened in the past, therefore they should not be widened any further.

**F. Ennis Road:** one resident,

- thought that there could be some enticing water feature at the end of Ennis road, before it goes into the cycle and walkway up to the Warringah Freeway.
- Concerns were expressed for the 'widening' of the road, taking out the northern pedestrian Footpath for the Greenway residents, who have shade and air flow along that path as opposed to only being able to walk along the side of the bridge structure. It would be beneficial if this footpath could remain.

**G. Footpaths:**

- The footpath along Ennis Road was widened by double, some years ago, with street plantings, as can be seen by the width of the footpath by comparison to the awnings above and street light placements.
- This was the same for Broughton St., from Burton to Bligh and then down to Fitzroy.
- Broughton St widening outside the church block is not needed as this would then take out the bike lane adjacent to the parked cars on that side of the road.

**H. Bligh St.:**

- The removal of a 'road' along this section of Bligh St., from Humphrey Place to Broughton St., will have a huge impact on the egress of cars,
- if there is no pedestrian footpath, all the school children and adults will just meander down the centre of the road, mingling with the trucks and cars.
- The garbage trucks that service the businesses, cafés, schools, all come down Humphrey place, and turn into Bligh St., to get onto Broughton St., and so for this short section of road, it will be best if the footpath remains for people to walk along.

**I. Burton Street:**

- The temporary closure of Burton Street from Broughton to Humphrey place could be trialed with movable pot plants, to be able to ascertain the impact of this closure on the other road networks.

**J. Community Consultation:**

- Council should survey the residents who live in these streets, or have access to their off-street parking along these streets, being Burton St., Bligh St., Carabella between Willoughby & Fitzroy Streets as well as along Humphrey Place & Crescent Place;

- Council sends around surveys for the change of time on a street sign, and yet has not done the same for the many residents who will be greatly impacted by the changes to these streets, and loss of parking within the Village.

**Moved: JC   Seconded: TB   Voting For: 16   Abstain: 1 (EW)**

### **3. Kirribilli Traffic matters – including buses along Broughton St and parking matters – seek 15min free parking meters**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** seeks to have NSC trial 15 minute free parking around the Kirribilli Village, to enable the residents from further afield to be able to support the local Kirribilli businesses; **Milson Precinct requests NSC** liaise with RMS, STA, Sydney Busses, the Local Member, and through the Traffic Committee, to divert as many busses as possible from entering Kirribilli via Broughton St. Currently there are several hundred busses a day travelling along the residential Broughton St., to service the two schools, tourists, as well as many of the busses being empty with 'Out of Service' signs, which then congregate and wait down near the bridge for the next peak hour need. These busses could gain access via Alfred Street, or they could wait at a more appropriate spot, than down on the harbour foreshore.

**Moved: BK   Seconded: EW   Voting For: UNANIMOUS**

### **4. DA 245/20 – 137 Carabella St. – Alts & Ads**

Attention was drawn to two matters relating to the DA, including the Parapet to be retained. It was agreed that this assurance could be resolved by petitioning NSC to include such provision as a matter for Condition of Development Consent. The second issue raised was an opinion supported by professional heritage advice, that two new windows in the basement fronting the street, should not be included, on the grounds that to date, they have not been required. On balance, given the relative obscurity of the windows, it was agreed that the matter should be left for the Council to resolve. We note the heritage opinion, despite evidence that care, and detailed positioning of the windows was taken with the architectural replication of the new windows to match the existing windows above.

**In light of information provided:**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** raises concerns about the protection of the parapet, along with the lower level side windows, that may detract from the contributory heritage fabric of the set of four terraces, we would ask that protection by way of conditions of consent be given.

**Moved: NK   Seconded: BK   Voting For: 14   Abstain: 3 EW, JC & TB**

### **5. Anderson Park – Sport & Rec. Committee considering changes for Hockey.**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** would like an assurance from NSC that Anderson Park will remain as is, with natural turf / grass surface, in line with the NSC's motion of the meeting of 28.9.2020, and that the efforts of the Mosman Hockey club will not cause a revisiting of the past community consultation to replace the playing areas with concrete base and Astro turf.

**Moved: VB    Seconded: SG    Voting For: UNANIMOUS**

## **6. Potential Cycleways & impacts for Kirribilli**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** requests that NSC gives an assurance that it will inform the precinct along with residents and businesses within the Kirribilli and Milsons Point communities, of any proposed new cycleways, with potential impacts on traffic or pedestrians outlined, well before the implementation of any potential cycleways.

**Moved: JC    Seconded: VB    Voting For: UNANIMOUS**

## **7. Planning 3/19 for 173-179 Walker St & Hampden St. NS with proposal of extra 62m-72m (20+ storeys) in height**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** feels that an additional 20+ storeys on this site, will have adverse impacts upon the adjoining sites, with loss of solar access, detrimental wind tunnel aspects, along with increased traffic congestion, from the number of vehicles to be housed in such a high development, with impact on these already limited streets, specially with the WHT On and Off ramp access to be near by.

## **8. Berry's Bay Community Working group applications by 6.11.20**

## **9. North Sydney Wharf – High St – Upgrade Submissions by 27.11.20**

**MOTION: Milson Precinct** appreciates the accessibility of the new wharf design, along with the kiss & drop plus accessible parking space on the flat at the end of the street; MP also appreciate leaving part of the original wharf for the fishermen to be able to utilise the space; MP feel that the artist's impression has a lower profile line than the previous design, but the covered pontoon still appears to be larger and bulkier than is needed in this small bay. Therefore, Milson Precinct request a site meeting with relevant people to discuss reducing the size of the pontoon, as well as plotting the diagonal desire lines for the more mobile and able patrons, from the parking to the pontoon.

**Moved: TD    Seconded: BK    Voting For: 16    Abstain: 1 - SG**

## **10. General Business:**

**Bradfield Park South - Loss of amenity under the Bridge for 2 years**, due to track maintenance, without advising local residents, Schools & NSC and all users of the park for events like NYE, Australia Day celebrations, Carols under the Bridge etc., Transport for NSW (TfNSW) advised the use of the space for remedial works on Lanes 7 & 8; which now is to be extended to include changes to the trains' sleepers – changing from timber to a concrete base.

These proposed changes have given rise to concerns from local residents, as to further increases in the noise from the trains traversing the bridge as a result of this new track works, as well as the extended loss of amenity of the park for all.

Milson Precinct believe that new track work has to result in lower decibels (less than 75 DB). Would like to understand what technical solutions like grinding of tracks, use of acoustic baffles etc. are available to mitigate the train noises for those in the park below as well as the local residents, pool users etc.

**MOTION: Milson Precinct supports NSC's investigation** of these track works with regards the concerns of the residents and local community's loss of benefits, being access to the park as well as the potential increased noise impact of the trains, post this track work, longer term. Milson Precinct asks that NSC advise as to the planned duration of the works in the park, how long they will be taking over substantial portions of the park and advise alternate solutions to abate the noise of the trains on the tracks.

**Moved: NK      Seconded: TB      Voting For: UNANIMOUS**

Remember - if you see any **Trips and Hazards** - forward to NSC directly on 9936 8100. Give details of the nearest house number where the problem is or closest cross street, North, South, East or West of the road.

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm

**NEXT MEETING - Zoom @7.30 pm - Thurs. 3 December 2020 - Xmas Cheer**