

NEUTRAL PRECINCT MINUTES

Tuesday 11 February 2020, commenced at 7:00pm



1. Apologies: Nil
2. Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance sheets
3. **Additional items added to the Agenda**

a) Passing of JR

A minute silence was observed to acknowledge JR who passed away in December 2019. JR had worked for the Neutral Precinct for over a decade and was involved in many community activities including bush care, land care and as an ESL teacher.

b) Councillor Jessica Keen - attendance

GC welcomed Councillor Jessica Keen and invited her to talk to current issues. JK also acknowledged JR as an active member who will be missed. JK and GC are looking to find a way to remember JR.

JK spoke to and answered questions about the following matters

Ward boundaries:

The Electoral Commission advised the Council that, following the vote at the last LGA election to change to a non-elected Mayor, the Council requires 10 councillors with effect from the next LGA election in September 2020. The Mayor will be chosen by the Councillors. The wards are Northern Ward to be named St Leonards and Southern Ward - Cammeragyl. Each ward has approx. 26,000 residents. A recission motion. Discussion generally supported an east/west division citing issues are very different on each side of the Warringah Expressway. E.g. the Metro in the West and Military Road in the East.

North Sydney Pool:

No further updates. It is currently in a DA process. The consultation period has closed with a Council decision scheduled for this year.

Code of Meeting Practice:

Councillor Ian Mutton has submitted a Notice of Motion "that the Council resolve that a Public forum be held prior to and starting one hour before each and every ordinary and extraordinary meeting of Council and of each and every meeting of Committees of the Council"

The meeting unanimously supported the motion. JK indicated she relied on public comment /debate on issues to inform her decisions as a Councillor.

Western Harbour Tunnel:

An EIS is out for consultation. The documentation is massive but CG encouraged Precinct members to take time to read and provide comments.

Streetscape Committee:

JK indicated the next meeting was in April and expects an agenda item on the Neutral Bay town centre project. The agenda will be available on the Council Website.

GC thanked Councillor Keen for attending the Precinct meeting.

4. Business from minutes of meeting 10 December 2019

Following review, moved and seconded as read and correct.

Moved by: MB

Seconded by: EC

5. Correspondence sent and received

a. **Seniors Week** commences tomorrow with a variety of activities including Safer Driving for Seniors Free workshop 14 February 2020 11:30 am to 1:30pm

b. **Letter from the office of the Mayor dated 11 December 2019 as to Ward Boundaries.** It was noted that an email from Councillor Mary Ann Beregi on this issue was discussed at the December 2019 meeting. For a summary of tonight's discussion on ward boundaries see minute at item 3b Councillor Jessica Keen - attendance.

c. **Keep our Buses Public - petition - Marilyn Alt.** Was noted.

c2. Bus route 225

MB asked whether the timetable for bus route 225 will need to be re-aligned to the proposed changed timetables for the Mosman/Taronga/Cremorne ferries. Currently, the 225 bus travels between Cremorne and Neutral Bay wharves and meets each ferry service. An attendee indicated that in peak times additional buses travel between NB Junction and Neutral Bay (Hayes St) Wharf and between Cremorne Junction and Cremorne Point Wharf. Consultation on the Timetable changes is still open and it was suggested attendees provide feedback on this possible issue

d. **Email from Ian Mutton – Council's Code of Meeting Practice and Motion.**

The meeting unanimously supported the motion. See Minute at 3b Councillor Jessica Keen- attendance.

e. **Notice as to urgent community action meeting - Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link.**

Noted the meeting on Wednesday 12 February 7:00-9:00pm, at Norths Abbott Street Cammeray, and that submissions close on 12 March 2020.

6. Development Applications

a. **147, 151 and 153 Kurraba Road (DA 446/18)**

Status: Amended plans have been lodged.

Summary of discussion: The meeting noted an email from the Local Residents Action Group identifies a number of issues and non compliant items in the amended plans.

b. **North Sydney Olympic Pool (DA347/2019)**

Status: Alterations and additions to the Pool including new 50m pool, upgrade to 25m pool, new water play area, sundeck, grandstand, upgrade to facilities, hours of operation 5:00am

to 12 midnight seven days. This is an Integrated Development with the application to be determined by Sydney North Planning Panel.

Summary of discussion: See Minute at 3b Councillor Jessica Keen- attendance.

- c. **12-14 Lower Wycombe Road Neutral Bay DA 227/2017/4** - Section 8.2 N0: 43.2019.3
Status: Provision of two new dormer windows in Attic conversion
Summary of discussion: EC raised a question raised over inclusion of dormer windows and will follow-up with Council.
- d. **No updates on any of the other DAs listed in the Agenda.**
- e. It was noted that 8 Hayes Street, a contributory to the Council's recent application for heritage listing in Hayes Street, has been listed for sale.

7. Upcoming events

- a. Combined Precinct Committee on 18 February 2020 at 7:00pm

8. General business

Nil

9. Next meeting Tuesday 11 March 2020, 7:00pm at the Neutral Bay Club.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm