

NEUTRAL PRECINCT MINUTES

Tuesday 10 August 2021, commenced at 7:00 pm (Meeting conducted via Zoom)

1. Apologies: Nil
2. Additional items added to the Agenda
 - i. Councillors' Code of Conduct. (See agenda item 9)
3. Business from minutes of meeting held on 13 July 2021:
 - i. Following review, the minutes were moved by EC and seconded by TM as correct.
 - ii. The meeting noted advice from Council's Sustainable Transport Project Coordinator that the Precinct's comments regarding cycling signage and safety will be included in the forthcoming review of Council's cycling strategy documents.
 - iii. The meeting noted Council's advice that the Young Street Cycle-ways project is currently on-hold pending technical feedback from TfNSW regarding changes to the traffic control signals at the intersection between Young and Belgrave Streets. The Precinct Committee's comments at July meeting regarding the Young Street project will be included as part of any future reporting on the project to Council.
4. Correspondence from Council:
 - i. The meeting noted Council's memo regarding Public Exhibition - Draft Development Control Plan Amendment and Voluntary Planning Agreement - 173-179 Walker Street & 11-17 Hampden Street, North Sydney. In particular it was noted that the draft Plan would allow 10 storeys, which is higher than the current LEP, with a setback from the street.
5. Report from meeting, hosted by Parkes Precinct, with the Project Team building the Warringah Freeway Upgrade & Western Harbour Tunnel.

The meeting noted advice from the Project Team that:

 - i. The Minister for Transport has required an active transport review of the Project; and
 - ii. The Project Team is actively working with North Sydney Council to identify options for legacy projects for the LGA.

Discussion Points:

The following ideas were suggested for legacy projects:

- i. Creation of a green bridge over the freeway, linked to St Leonards Park;
- ii. Creating a cycle/pedestrian way from Cammeray to the Harbour Bridge
- iii. Providing a green cover over part or whole of the buildings to be permanently built on the Cammeray Golf Club site.

Attendees were encouraged to make further suggestions to the Precinct Committee for recommendation to Council / TfNSW.

6. Outcomes from 26 July Council meeting:
- i. Parking fee relief. It was noted that Council resolved, at its meeting to consider withdrawing penalty notices issued to residents during the current stay at home orders if the following criteria is met:
 1. The person requests a review of the penalty notice;
 2. The person submits proof that the penalty notice was issued during a time period when the person was working from home as a result of the current public health orders;
 3. The person substantiates that alternate residential parking was not available at the premise or via residential parking permit arrangements and they had made reasonable attempt to park the vehicle in compliance with parking regulations.
 - ii. Revised North Sydney LEP. It was noted that the revised LEP (Amendment 30) came into force on 30 June 2021. The meeting recalled that the Precinct made a submission to Council objecting to one of the proposed changes /amendments which allows residential flat buildings (RFBs) in R3 zones. The Precinct will continue to monitor DAs in R3 zones as to neighbourhood impacts.
 - iii. Infrastructure Contributions Reform. It was noted legislation before the NSW Parliament proposes a new way of calculating developer contributions. The implications are that local councils could lose significant income. Based on available information NS Council has estimated that the proposed reforms could cost Council \$7.3 M per annum or \$124M over 20 years. Council resolved to write to the Premier, key Ministers/MPs to advocate for additional modelling, consultation and a mechanism to ensure that no Council is worse off as a result of the reforms.

Discussion Points. If the reforms go through:

- Council's capacity to levy contributions and fund local infrastructure could be severely impacted.
- The community could lose out on improved / new facilities.
- Rate payers could be expected to meet the short fall in Council 's revenue.

MOTION

Neutral Precinct commends the Council on the position it has taken in relation to the proposed reforms. It is recommended Council provide information on this issue to all Precinct Committees so that the Precincts can support the Council 's advocacy.

7. Development Applications

- i. DA67/21- 22, 24 & 26 Spruson Street Neutral Bay. Amended proposal: Demolition of the existing three (3) residential flat buildings and the construction of a residential flat building containing 11 apartments including basement parking, site consolidation and landscaping.

The meeting noted the amended DA and recalled objections were raised to the original DA in relation to vehicle access to a proposed car-stacker. Residents were encouraged to review the amended DA and submit any objections to Council by 13 August.

8. Precinct E-News items this month: The meeting noted the following:

- i. Local Government elections moved to 4 December 2021
- ii. 2021 Census – 10 August
- iii. Community Transport service operating during the current Public Health Order
- iv. Community Centres services during the current Public Health Order
- v. Council services during current Public Health Order
- vi. Stanton Library eCard membership
- vii. Garden Competition open. Entries close 30 August
- viii. Draft Amendment to North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013: North Sydney CBD commercial tower setbacks and separation – Feedback closes 16 August yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
- ix. Amendment to North Sydney Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan – Feedback closes 16 August yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
- x. How to make a complaint/report and incident regarding Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway works
Phone; 1800 931 989
Email: whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au
Mail: Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 928,
North Sydney NSW 2059

9. General Business

A resident drew attention to a Sydney Morning Herald property article that identified a current NS Councillor's recent property sale to a developer for \$10M. Concern was expressed as to whether the Councillor would be free to vote on the development of that property and if the current Code of Conduct for Councillors was transparent enough in this respect.

MOTION

The Precinct requests Council provides advice on the time, following a sale of a property, that a Councillor needs to disqualify themselves from the decision-making process on any Development Application on the site.

10. Upcoming events: Nil

11. Noted the following meeting dates:

- i. Neutral Precinct meeting – 14 September
- ii. Combined Precincts' Committee meeting – 24 August
- iii. Council meeting – 23 August
- iv. Traffic Committee meeting – 20 August

Meeting closed at 8:30pm