

## **Parks Precinct Meeting Minutes 9 September 2020**

### **Meeting Opened: 6.30pm.**

- 1.) 14 attendees as per attendance sheet,  
Apologies J C-D.
- 2.) Meeting minutes from last meeting approved. Moved by C.T. Seconded by R.F.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

**A)** Woolworths Neutral Bay Car Park Redevelopment discussed. Proposed 5 Storey building with diminished open space and less sunlight.

**B)** Parking - Concerns raised from the floor re changes to vehicular parking restrictions in the precinct. In particular the reductions in the parking time. Sept/Oct is when parking feedback to Council finishes.

### **3 ) Update on Key issues.**

**A ) Tunnel** Chair summarized the WHT. Discussed where the smokestacks will be installed, the whereabouts of the exits and entrances to the tunnels, Traffic matters including access points from local roads, route changes on local roads and congestion.

The loss of land to the Cammeray Golf Course and playing fields. Permanent loss of 30,000m<sup>2</sup> land at Cammeray Park. Emphasised that anyone with concerns should submit an objection to the project via the RMS website and to their Local and State Government representatives.

Smokestacks are 30 meters high with no filtration.

Chair also described the size of the facilities buildings referencing the large grey buildings for the NorthConnex at Wahroonga and at the A28 exit near Castle Hill.

### **B ) Precinct system Review.**

The Precinct Review has now closed. Parks Precinct made a submission opposing Precinct mergers. Suggested for members to contact their Local Ward Councillor to raise concerns. Question from the floor raised about the right to speak up as a Precinct.

### **C ) Parks Precinct Priority Survey.**

Discussion by all in attendance with significant agreement that the following are major concerns of this precinct: Members have responded with the need for open space, a requirement for low rise and limiting development. Members expressed concern over losing Neutral Bay village's atmosphere. Concerns raised over high-rise buildings together with associated problems with traffic and parking.

Noted that Council Elections will be held next year, the NSW State election in 2023, and the Federal election possibly in 2022.

### **D ) New DA Process.**

At the moment there is no advertising of DA's in local papers, due to local papers stopping printing during Covid 19. DA's can be searched for on the North Sydney Council's website. Online maps are available with pins marking the DA's in your local area. The other normal DA processes still exist.

**E ) Young St Plaza.** The Young St Plaza design is going ahead with Council now asking for tenders

**F and G ) Grasmere Reserve and Primrose Tennis Courts.** Council update, no money yet budgeted for the repair / replacement of the tennis court's surface. There is a meeting tomorrow Thursday (10th Sept) 11 am at Primrose Tennis Courts.

#### **4 ) General Business.**

A general discussion took place about the Military Rd corridor, on building heights and also on local development and the affect this will have on traffic, parking and access to shops. Many questions were raised that could not be answered.

Over the next 12 months Individuals are encouraged to lodge submissions about objections and concern to the state and local governments. Especially to their representatives. e.g. Local councillors and to get these problems raised as elections issues.

There was a discussion on parking limits in Park Ave, where before most commuters would park in Park Ave, they are now parking in nearby streets, taking away easy parking for local residents. Residents fear Council may change restrictions to their streets forcing residents to pay for parking permits. There is a desire to learn how to raise objections to North Sydney Council planned changes. It was suggested this might best be pursued by lodging concerns to North Sydney Council.

**Meeting adjourned: 7.30pm.**