



Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 17 November 2021

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting Opened: 7.32pm.

1.) Attendees:

10 Attendees and one guest via zoom and 4 apologies (As per attendance sheet).

2.) Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising:

Moved by BB and seconded by SB that the minutes from the last meeting be approved and accepted. Motion was carried unanimously.

Summary of Actions (SOA).

The Precincts support of the CPC motions in regard to the Cammeray Golf Course developments was noted by the Council and closed for the Council. GD advised that the Council has directed the Parks Precinct Committee to its response to the CPC motion which is not yet available.

Also noted that the Precinct's input to the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2025 has been submitted. This has been circulated by SM.

3.) Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link Update:

It has come to the notice of the Parks Precinct that the Warringah Freeway Upgrade involves the compulsory acquisition by TfNSW for the WFU of between 1.5 and 2.3 Ha of Cammeray Golf Course which is designated as Crown Land.

This Crown Land has been dedicated for community purposes and public recreation dating back to 1867.

We have been advised that officers of TfNSW and Council have been instructed to develop an MoU proposing Berrys Bay be a suitable substitute for the loss of Cammeray Park Land. The committee discussed this at length and adopted the position that:

1. This was unacceptable as Berrys Bay is some 4.6km from Cammeray Park and could in no way be seen to be serving the community of Neutral Bay/Cammeray/Cremorne in the same way as the existing open and communal recreational space of Cammeray Golf Course.
2. Discussions by State Government Instruments and North Sydney Council should be developed in consultation with the community and information be transparent and in the public domain.
3. The Parks Precinct reaffirms its support of the CPC motions passed at its last meeting regarding developments for Cammeray Golf Course, including the development of a Strategic Plan that would include confirmation, or otherwise, that the lease will be extended to Cammeray Golf Club after its expiry date in 2026
4. A clear and visual plan be provided to the Combined Precincts Committee, Parks Precinct and the greater community showing the full extent of the proposed loss of greenspace for 'works and buildings' which are needed for the WFU and to build the WHT and Beaches Link

5. That the said Strategic Plan show clearly the proposed area of the acquisition of the 1.5 to 2.3Ha of Crown Land required for the Expressway

The Precinct Committee understands that a motion was passed and approved at the last Council Meeting to have discussions regarding the proposed land swap between Cammeray Park and Berrys Bay be maintained in the public domain, however at this time no report has been tabled.

Motion: A motion was moved by RF that:

1. Negotiations with Cammeray Golf Club cease until clarity and transparency of plans for the Golf Club land are made available publicly;
2. North Sydney Council to be made aware that the already eroded greenspace area of Cammeray Golf Course and substantial loss of mature trees continues to be of great concern to the Parks Precinct and local community;
3. As required by AC E101 "The design and establishment of an altered Cammeray Golf Course must provide an equivalent standard golf course or the provision of works to offset the loss in standards, and;
4. Any strategic plan for Cammeray Park to be consistent with the original Covenant and Land Grant.

The motion was seconded by DT and carried unanimously

4.) Development Matters

The DA for the development of a 44 storey commercial building at 100 Walker Street, North Sydney was considered and Precinct members once again raised considerable concerns in regard to the continual push by NSC for over development and excessive heights for new building construction.

Motion: A motion was moved by SB to make a submission opposing the development of a 44 storey building on the basis that it didn't meet current planning and height requirements. The motion was seconded by BB and was carried unanimously.

5.) General Business

- a) The committee was reminded that Council elections will take place on 4 December 2021. CT advised that there were websites available where candidates' affiliations can be verified.
- b) Meetings in 2022 - GD advised Meetings in 2022 are likely to be a hybrid of Zoom and face to face, though that will be subject to Council approval.
- c) Meeting times were discussed and revised from 7.30pm to 7.00pm.
- d) The meeting thanked BS from Lavender Bay Precinct for his contribution

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting February 16, 2022