

# Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 24 February 2021

*Meeting was held via Zoom*

**Meeting Opened: 6.30pm.**

**1.) Attendees:** 14 attendees via Zoom as per the attendance sheet

**Apologies:** Nil.

**2.) Confirmation of Minutes:** Moved DW/CT that the minutes from the last meeting be approved and accepted.

**3.) Business arising from the Minutes.**

A Letters sent to Council re:

1. Grosvenor Lane: Response was not favorable from the Mayor. Parks Precinct Committee (PPC) view remains that Grosvenor Lane should be designated as “No Thoroughfare”. Comment from the floor was that the volume of traffic seemed to be waning and that traffic monitoring stations have been put in place.
2. Western Harbour Tunnel Campaign: Council response was that their “Budget was limited and the campaign had always been for a limited time” and when it had been spent their campaign ended.

B Meeting with State Ministers: The Combined Precincts Committee supports a meeting with State Ministers (Rob Stokes / Matt Kean- other?). An approach will be made to combine this with Registry Precinct and potentially one other precinct.

**4.) Tunnel Update.**

Main Points from the EIS were discussed:

1. The EIS hasn't taken changes in traffic flow including the impact of Anzac Park Public School and the Beaches Link Bus service into account.
2. Military Road traffic improvement is not an objective of RMS and the Beaches Link.
3. Can tunnel infrastructure be installed underground? The response was that this was not feasible due to maintenance requirements.
4. The construction workforce is likely to negatively impact on parking on local streets, which will reduce the amenity for residents.
5. Trucks will be GPS monitored to ensure that the designated routes are followed, however it is noted that a deviation from these routes will likely result in faster turnaround for the trucks and a significant reduction in tolls per trip.
6. All environmental controls during construction should not be weakened and have strong enforcement.
7. Tunnel facilities should be underground as far as feasible – at least built into the hill. This should include operational car parking

8. Commercial processes are underway for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade. These projects are proceeding, so we should focus on getting the “Best Outcome”.

**Motion:** Moved by CT/CL that ““Parks Precinct requests that Council conduct a traffic survey of local through roads before the Western Harbour Tunnel construction begins. The survey should include Grasmere Rd, Young, Earle, Grafton Streets, Cammeray Rd and Park Avenue.” “Surveys should also be undertaken of Lytton and Moodie Streets.”.” The motion was carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Moved by MK/CT that “The Parks Precinct Committee Executive make a submission on the EIS on behalf of the Parkes Precinct Committee based on the principles discussed and agreed in the meeting”. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 5.) Precinct System Review

A detailed update was provided:

1. Many precincts are active.
2. It has been questioned by Council about which precincts could be linked up.
3. Council wants to increase “vibrancy”. Exactly what is that?
4. All Precincts should be “large”, have an “entity” and a “focus”.
5. The final report on the restructuring of the Precincts is not yet complete.
6. It is likely that the Precincts will be reduced from 21 to 15 and Parks is likely to merge with Brightmore and a section of one other.

## 6.) Development Applications

Two Development Applications were discussed:

1. 110,118, 122 Walker St - 55 storeys DA 19/2021  
The application is for a 55 storey building which is 24m (8 storeys) higher than the current maximum height allowance. The Incentive offered to the community is a public garden space on Level 52

**Motion:** SB/DW that “The PPC submit an objection to the development on the basis that it significantly exceeds guidelines”. Carried unanimously.

2. 30-34 Grosvenor St DA 237/20  
This application exceeds height guidelines and Local Environmental Plans and the Development Control Plan.

**Motion:** CT/MK that “The PPC submit an objection to the development on the basis that it breaches Council Development Guidelines”. The motion was carried unanimously.

## 7.) General Business

1. Primrose Park tennis courts and Green Park. The development of the Primrose Park tennis courts will take around 18 months and the operating lease will be transferred to the public courts at Green Park for that period. How will this impact on the current public use? - Next meeting item.
2. Military Rd Corridor Study was accepted as submitted but not going ahead with Barry St development - Next meeting item

3. Future meetings - It was resolved to start the meetings a bit later to provide greater opportunity for participation. These are now scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month to start at 7.30pm to finish by 8.45pm. The next meeting will be on the 24 March 2021.
4. Precinct Roles - GD was confirmed as the new secretary replacing DW. The Parks Precinct thanked DW for his great work as secretary.

**Meeting adjourned: 8.15pm.**

**Next Meeting:           24 March 7.30pm.**