

Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 15 June 2022

Meeting was held on Zoom

Meeting Opened at 7.09 pm

1) Attendees

15 Attendees as per attendance sheet)

Apologies DT

2) Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising:

Minutes of the previous meeting were considered.

A motion was moved by SM to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and seconded by CT and carried unanimously.

Matters arising from the minutes:

A vote of thanks was passed to outgoing Chair, SM, for his contribution and efforts in re-starting Parks Precinct three years ago along with DW and GB. SM gave a brief presentation of the changes on Cammeray Golf Course and the impacts of WHT & WFU construction site. The outgoing Chair has provided detailed and invaluable information on these matters to the Parks Precinct committee and residents.

A motion was moved by CT to have a vote of thanks and recognition recorded in the minutes and this was seconded by JW and carried unanimously.

It was noted that North Sydney Council (NSC) had agreed to install signage banners around Cammeray Park to highlight the impacts of WHT & WFU construction activity to the general public. The first set of banners was to highlight the destruction of the trees in the Park however, regrettably the commencement of further tree destruction around the carpark area is scheduled for 16 June 2022 and therefore these banners will be too little and too late to save the trees already lost.

3) Save Cammeray Park Project/Western Harbour Tunnel & Beaches Link Update

Short Overview of Combined Precincts meeting with Tim James MP (Member for Willoughby)

- **Loss of Green Space** – That Berry's Bay would not be a suitable recompense to locals for the loss of 1.5ha of the Cammeray Park to the WHT project. Time would like to see a continuous green space from Anzac Park to Jefferson Jackson Reserve. Tim wishes to see this green space returned to the community at the end of the project.

- **Replacement of Trees** – The commitment is to ensure that every mature tree removed for the works is replaced by two medium sized trees (ie not saplings)
 - **Putting the permanent ‘work and operation sheds’ underground** – ‘That’s just frankly, the right thing to do’
 - **Place Design and Landscape Plan** – Tim will push for greater utilization, access and openness to the broader community.
- a) **Proposed building of 2 x air stacks** – These air stacks are purportedly to be built on the island in the middle of the freeway. They will be 30M high from ground level.
- b) **Proposed building of 2 x 7 storey workshops** – these permanent workshops will be approx. 20M high and will house the motors which drive the fans in the expressway. The workshops will be built within the existing work area on the edge of Ernest Street to the site of the existing lake.
- c) **Reduction in Golf Course Size**
The existing golf course will be reduced to a Par 27 (ie 9 Par 3 holes for faster family friendly golf). Any land that is unutilised in the revised layout will be returned to the community as playing fields.
- d) **Proposed enclosure of newly designed golf course with a fence**
It seems that not all the golf course will be fenced but it apparently Cammeray Road will be included in the fencing area.
- e) **New Bike Path** – CT raised the issue of the combined pedestrian/bike path and has requested council to find a way to divide the walking path from the bike path due to safety issues which may be caused to walkers as a result of bike riders cycling at high speed.
- f) **Stop the Tunnels Media Event**
SM advised the meeting that Stop the Tunnels (STT) is holding a media event on Saturday 18 June to raise awareness about the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) will have on marine life in Sydney Harbour. Residents are asked to be at The Coal Loader (2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton) at 12.00 noon for a media photograph.
- 4) **Upcoming meeting with the Member for Willoughby Tim James**
This meeting, to be held at North Sydney Council on Monday, 15 August 2022 and will be an open meeting for all residents.
- 5) **Development Matters**
DA 155/22 - Parks Chair has received advice of a proposed new x 40 apartment development to be built on Merlin Street. The apartment block is to be 8 storeys high.
BB proposed a motion that the Parks Precinct oppose all building development which is outside the limits set by NSC. GD seconded this motion.

Young Street Plaza trial

Mayor, Zoe Baker, advised the Parks Committee at the May meeting that Young Street Plaza plans had been rejected and NSC is exploring differing designs and locations. Funds provided by the State Govt for this development will be retained for the moment and will most likely be used to pay for a revised design and position.

CT proposed that the Parks Committee support the research being put into this development by NSC. This motion was Seconded by RF and passed unanimously.

6) Potential Guest Speakers

It was agreed that the NSC resident historian IH should be invited to the next Parks Precinct Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20 July to give an overview of the history of Cammeray Park and Golf Course. Further suggestions were RE from NSC Parks & Gardens for the September meeting and the Chair to extend an open invitation to all councillors at NSC to present on subjects of interest to the Parks residents. In the past the following suggestions have also been made: a speaker from WEPA Willoughby Environmental Protection Assn, Paul Walker from Save Cammeray Park, Larissa Penn and Kylea Tink.

General Business

PH raised the ongoing issue of the unacceptable level of traffic along Military Road.

Parks Precinct venue for future meetings

Attendees were asked whether they preferred to continue meetings on Zoom or would rather face-to-face in the Neutral Bay Community Centre. A discussion followed about the efficiency and convenience of using zoom and also whether zoom meetings would be more agreeable to Guest Speakers. It was agreed we would go with the NBCC for the July 20 meeting, if we can book the room, after which the committee would make an evaluation as to whether residents found it easier to attend if we continued with Zoom.

Meeting adjourned: 8.20 pm

Next Meeting: 7.00 pm
Wednesday 20 July, 2022