



Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 16 February 2022

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting Opened: 7.34pm.

1.) Attendees:

13 Attendees and two guests via zoom and 2 apologies (As per attendance sheet).

2.) Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising:

Moved by CT 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 submission to Council supporting the motions put forward at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 24th January 2022 was noted.

The meeting agenda was then suspended to allow introduction of recently elected councillors: James Spenceley and Godfrey Santer (see minutes below under New Council)

3.) Save Cammeray Project

GD provided an update of recent activities, including the walk around and introduction to some of the recently elected councillors on the 30th of January and the community event (Art, Poetry and Photography competition) on the 6th of February, as well as relaying discussions from the Combined Precincts Committee (CPC) meeting on Tuesday the 15th of Feb 2022.

The CPC was addressed by Rob Emerson Director Open Space & Environmental Services – North Sydney Council. Rob provided his background to the development of an MOU regarding the transfer of land at Berrys Bay to the North Sydney Council as a potential trade-off for open space lost at Cammeray Park. Rob shared his concern that while the Approval Condition E 157 required open space to be replaced in the “general vicinity” of the loss, he could not be certain that TfNSW accepted that “general vicinity” meant within the LGA. He expressed his concern that any replacement land may be outside of the North Sydney LGA.

Rob also confirmed that the council has now halted any further discussion on the MOU.

The CPC passed a motion to the effect that Council respond to TfNSW that replacement land must be in the “general vicinity” and that council be provided with the Design Report deliverables that demonstrate compliance with Condition E157.

Cr James Spenceley was also made aware of the requirements of condition E157 during his address to the meeting.

The Committee was made aware of Save Cammeray Park Facebook page and encouraged to post photos of the park conditions during construction.

Motion: A motion was moved by SM that the Parks Precinct Committee write to TfNSW requiring details of how the project will comply with Condition E 157, and pending the response engage further with the DPIE.

The motion was seconded by RF and carried unanimously.

4.) New Council

Parks Precinct Committee acknowledged the attendance at this meeting of two of our newly elected representatives.

GD advised that the recent CPC meeting passed a motion to encourage the new council to be more proactive in driving local outcomes.

James Spenceley outlined his history as a local resident and businessman. He was committed to the concept of a Village Atmosphere for Neutral Bay and had successfully moved for Council to rescind the Military Rd Planning Corridor report. He had unsuccessfully supported Ian Mutton to be Mayor as he believed there needed to be a break with the adversarial approach of previous councils. In addition, he had successfully rescinded the NSC decision to allow three storey apartments in R2 (residential low density) zones (i.e., north of the centre of Grasmere Rd). James was a supporter of the Precinct system and was opposed to the WHT and Beaches Link and is committed to being an independent councillor.

Godfrey Santer explained his history as a local resident. He had also been convenor for a Precinct and had to step down to run for Council. Although he ran under a Labor banner his campaign was locally driven and financed. He supported the Precinct system and the new approach of Council to focus on sustainability. He supported the Council rescission motions and opposition to the WHT and Beaches Link.

5.) New State MP for Willoughby:

It was noted that at the time of the meeting the new MP for Willoughby was likely to be a resident of Mosman, Mr Tim James.

6.) Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link

The response from the DPIE was tabled.

Motion: A motion was moved by SM that the Parks Precinct respond citing the inadequate tree replacement program and request a stronger review of TfNSW compliance, including providing a record of site visits/audits and requesting a joint site visit.

The motion was seconded by GD and carried unanimously.

It was also noted that management of the Cammeray Golf Course had been transferred to the Sydney Program Alliance (WFU Contractor) without the appropriate signage.

7.) Development Matters

The DA (432/21) for the Demolition of existing residential flat building and construction of new residential flat building, comprising of 11 apartments, landscaping and 2 levels of basement car parking and associated works at 2 Sutherland Street Cremorne was discussed.

Concerns were raised about the building being higher than the existing structure, the disruption to traffic during construction and the ongoing impacts on traffic and parking, especially when the development application only includes 16 parking spaces for 11 apartments.

Motion: AZ Moved a motion that Parks Precinct submit an objection to the application on the basis that:

- The proposed height will exceed the current LEP;

- The significant excavation involved and the use of Grassmere Lane during construction will have adverse impacts on local residents and area traffic, and;
- The development will place a further ongoing strain on local traffic and existing parking resources for local residents.

The motion was seconded by CT and carried unanimously.

8.) General Business

CT acknowledged the high turnout and interest generated at the Community event in Cammeray Park on the 6th of February.

The recent posting of photos of nesting Kookaburras in Cammeray Park by RF was also acknowledged. The revised meeting time was confirmed as being 7.00pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 pm.

Next Meeting March 16, 2022