

Minutes of Meeting of Registry Precinct

28 October 2020 at 6.30pm

Venue: Ros Crichton Pavilion, Ted Mack Civic Park, Miller Street

Present: 12. Apologies: 15

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The revision clarifying the recommendation of a no left-turn from Ernest Street into Lytton Street was read out, and the Revised Minutes of the Precinct Meeting held on 30 September 2020 were read and ratified.

Item 1: Western Harbour Tunnel issues:

GT reported on a Zoom meeting held with RW (Tunnel Co-ordinator for Anzac School) and Glenn Snow, Director of Planning & Transport Assessments & his Team. He is in charge of the Department of Planning Assessment of the EIS for Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway upgrade.

In brief, the meeting covered factual issues & filtration. All the assumptions of what comes out of the exhaust stacks is based on "modelling".

- **Air Quality Monitoring:** Is being done for 12 months before and up to 24 months after the Western Harbour Tunnel opens. This is true of all Projects. They should consider following the Best Practice M7 Clem Jones Tunnel Brisbane method where there is ongoing monitoring years later of pollution, with reports posted online.
- **Construction & Noise:** An Acoustic Consultant may be brought in to liaise with residents and schools (this was done on the Metro construction which was fairly well managed).
- **Noise-reducing road surfaces:** Very disappointingly, Planning argue this is not cost effective due to wear & tear – but everything wears & tears and maintenance & replacement is necessary. Inappropriate argument to deflect cost. This is simply NOT an argument not to mitigate!
- **Noise & Dust:** Playgrounds at schools are not taken into account. Anzac Park Public School is not an enclosed building but has a central atrium. This has not been taken into account at all! APPS is also, as Planning should be aware of, designed around "passive air intake" and as a result would be severely detrimentally impacted. We are led to understand that the Acoustic Officer will look at Schools etc.
- **Note:** RW typing up a record of the meeting/conversations and this will be sent to NSC Director of Planning.
- **Green Bridge:** This has been looked at, but they think it will be too expensive. Precinct will check in with NSC Planners on the cost aspect.
- Precinct members are asked to continue to write to our local Member, Gladys Berejiklian, with their concerns on WHT issues.
- **Suggested Timetable of works:** GT advised that her understanding was that: Assessment of feedback is two-thirds through, so possibly an announcement will be made near Christmas (i.e. school holidays) and on a Friday, so media won't be around to comment. Government possibly won't announce a start date until contractors are signed up. Possible clearing of Golf Course in March 2021.
- The meeting thanked GT for meeting with Department of Planning on behalf of community, and documenting and raising our issues in detail, & for her extensive and detailed report.

Item 2: Report on Combined Precinct Committee (CPC) meeting, 19 August 2020

- **Precinct Review:** \$40,000 has been spent on consultants and some members thought that this is not the right time to be spending so much money on this it could be done in house.
- Discussion about proposed netted swimming area at Lavender Bay.
- **WHT:** There is an acknowledgement that any fight against this project is lost. However, issues such as excessive traffic and green space are still being fought.
- It is noted that no Precinct AGMs are to be held for 2020. Committees will remain as they are, due partly to COVID restrictions and partly to ensure continuity of committees during the Precinct Review.

North Sydney Council Meeting of 26 Oct 2020 feedback:

- There are too many GIPA applications which are draining Council resources. Council staff will prepare a report on it to Full Council.
- Primrose Park Tennis Courts exercise has received \$2,174 [Federal \$] but this is insufficient to change to multi-use, given structural engineering to fix current state.
- Legal Committee - Noakes Boatyard Report will remain confidential at this stage.
- **Financial Statement** shows a deficit of \$5.1m but if Capital grants & contributions are included it's \$11.5m. Net Assets [equity] of \$1.23b as @ 30 June - an increase of \$69.2m despite net operating deficit - due to a gain on revaluation of roads, footpaths, storm water drainage. Cash/Investments \$91.2m, with \$83.8 million externally or internally restricted.
- Discussion about proposed netted swimming area at Hayes St, N/Bay or Lavender Bay: Needs a DA & Technical Reports & Liaison with TfNSW.
- Grasmere Roundabout, Cremorne to be revaluated & replanned with community consultation - \$1200-\$1800 cost with community consultation.
- Cr Baker tried to move a Notice of Motion re decrease in revenue from Environmental & Compliance Fines over 3 years & asked for a Report. This was lost.

Item 3: Transport for NSW: Changes to Local Bus timetables, December 2020.

- Among those directly affecting Cammeray, the 257 will be replaced by a service (114) from Balmoral to Royal North Shore Hospital; and the 143 and 144 will be combined (as route 144), and will no longer stop at the hospital, but will continue straight up Pacific Highway.
- For detailed information, members should Google "Lower North Shore bus changes"

Item 4: North Sydney Garden Competition Awards - Online Presentation

- The Volunteers at the Anzac Park Garden were congratulated by the meeting for winning the Edible Community Garden category. Precinct commended SW for her ongoing work coordinating the Volunteers and their work schedules.

Item 5: Overdevelopment Issues

NSC plan a list of low to medium density developments between McLaren & Falcon Streets. But locals argue there is less need for more office blocks post COVID; and more need for more Affordable Housing; concerns over construction Impacts from the WHT; calls for heritage value of the area to be protected; & support for a revamp of the Pacific Hwy Corridor. The NSC Study noted the key Social/Recreational role

of the area with the Council Chambers, Public Library, Theatre, Community Markets & exercise classes, Sports events & Social gatherings.

- Metro will bring in a far higher percentage of pedestrians to the area.
- **List of Proposed Developments: -**
 - **253-267 Pac Hwy** - 10 storeys:
Council dropped height limit from 12 to 10 @ 253 Pacific Hwy & 16 storeys @ Fiveways [State Government wanted it to be 36 storeys].
 - **173-179 Walker St:**
20 storeys [4x current units blocks at East Walker is the last remaining low-scale Mansion style residential blocks in Nth Sydney. Developer wanted 29 storeys
 - **11-17 Hampden St:**
 - **Fiveways, Pac Hwy/Miller St:**
10 submissions - Crs Baker & Carr wanted Fiveways to remain at current height as it is near a conservation area; this was lost
 - **52 McLaren:**
NSC kept it to 24 Storeys - public benefit incl a 6m laneway linking Station to St Leonards Park, new community meeting rooms, improvements to Street Leonards Park & Oval, and new cycleways on West & Ridge Streets. Half of the 193 submissions against this development argued about the Loss of privacy & Loss of views.
 - **St Mary's Parish, North Sydney/Primary School:**
Proposing a huge development which involves demolition of heritage terrace houses.
 - Concerns over high-rise in **St Leonards South.**

Infrastructure plan

- 16-year Horizon to 2036
- Growth includes 11,902 new Residents, 16,746 new Workers in North Sydney LGA.
- The Plan will give NSC valuable income to meet our growing needs/demographics
- 2,400 new homes - supported by NSC.

Item 6: Traffic & Parking Issues

- 1. General consensus is that road traffic in the North Sydney area will be a mess - and buses will be at a standstill as well - as a result of the Western Harbour Tunnel project. Some locals think that, unfortunately, NSC may have only realized this problem a few months ago, after the submission deadline.
- 2. **Moodie Street Traffic:** Precinct asks if Council can request TfNSW to give priority to this matter - **Action Required by Council.**
- 3. **Parking Meters proposed for Crows Nest/Area 19 - specifically West Street & Holtermann Street:**
Action Required by Council:
Precinct passed the following Motion:
We consider this new Council initiative will have an adverse impact on residents and commercial enterprises. The current Time Limit Parking restrictions are adequate for predominantly residential roads. Could Council please provide details of the reasons for the installation of Parking Meters in West & Holtermann Streets, Crows Nest - Area 19. [Moved by JB- Seconded by AG.]

Item 7: Pets in Strata:

Following recent ruling, there can be no blanket bans now, but Owners Corporations can always set reasonable restrictions.

Item 8: Other local issues

- Major Road/Pavement works in Miller Street which will be very disruptive. Two choices – one concentrated burst over shorter period of time, the other longer periods with lower volume of noise. Unsure which will be adopted.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The last Registry Precinct Meeting for 2020 will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25 November 2020 in the Ros Crichton Pavilion, Ted Mack Civic Park.

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