

Stanton Precinct Minutes

1 December 2020

Attendees - 10 **Apologies - none**

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1 - Minutes - moved, seconded and carried

2 - Financial Report - No change

Note: The Stanton Precinct Account, currently with Beyond Bank Australia (Chatswood), has signatories who are no longer involved with the Precinct Committee. The Precinct Committee agreed for the signatory to be changed to John Prentice (Convenor). A new Bank Account will be established in the North Sydney CBD. This will be more convenient for the financial requirements of Stanton Precinct and it keeps the account in the North Sydney LGA. The balance of the Beyond Bank account will be transferred to this new account, subsequently the Beyond Bank account will be closed in 2021.

3 - Development Applications - 3

- 50 Ridge St (Greens) - to permit additional leniency for the traditional low marquees (given COVID) for sun & rain protection. The Precinct had no objection to this temporary installation
- 160 Pacific Highway: change roof to accommodate ventilation ducts. Noted.
- 225 Pacific Highway: replacement of balustrades. Noted.

4 - Correspondence

- the Coal Loader will have a number of Christmas initiatives, commencing 1 December 2020
- a last call for feedback (direct to Council) was mentioned re Hodgeson Lookout and naming. Also, Smoothey Park.
- the Torpedo Factory has a revised submission, and Precinct members are encouraged to make online submissions.
- the draft St Leonards Park plan is on exhibition. It was noted the next major work would be the upgrade of the main path from the Cenotaph through to Falcon Street.
- There will be Harbour Bridge maintenance over Christmas, including rail closure for 1 - 10 January.
- Sculpture at Sawmillers is subject to a funding application to support its operation. The Precinct supported this valuable community exhibition.
- Precinct expressed its disappointment that normal Australia Day events for 2021 has been cancelled and request this be reconsidered by Council. This proposal was unanimously supported.

- Stanton Library has reopened 7 days a week, on reduced hours.

4b - Council's minutes

Precinct heard Council had been discussing Jacarandas and the Neutral Bay Plan. In addition, that Council has opposed the planning proposal for 173 – 179 Walker Street. This stance is strongly supported by the Precinct.

4c- Response to Stanton minutes

- Primrose Park Tennis court - Council responded that the funding is linked to the courts.

5 - Other Business

- the extended hours (7 -10pm) re operation of café Ridge Street café was noted.

- 168 Walker Street issues include additional carparking request, extended operating hours request and a potentially unauthorised street tree removal. Precinct strongly opposed both the extended hours due to the impact on neighbours, and also additional carparking.

Precinct also noted the green material that has been sprayed on the site surrounds and requested Council inspect this asap to ensure appropriate hazardous materials management is occurring.

- Precinct Review, Stage 2

Stanton heard that it had been proposed that all the CBD and half of Hayberry be added to Stanton. Three options had been contemplated, and all of them were flawed, particularly the unwanted amalgamation of Hayberry and Stanton. The precinct concluded that increasing/combining the size of Precincts and disenfranchising the attendees with issues that are not local, is opposed. The hypocrisy of Council, having successfully resisted amalgamation but now inflicting same on precincts was noted.

Precinct expressed its thanks to Barbara and Victor Noden for their consistent support of the precinct. They have announced their "retirement" from the Stanton Flyer distribution after over 17 years of walking the footpaths of our Precinct.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.