

Stanton Precinct Minutes - 7 December 2021, 7:30pm

Attendees: 8 attendees, Ros Crichton Pavilion

Apologies: SR, HH, JH, RS

Promoted Business

Lend Lease (Richard Craven, Construction Manager & Elizabeth Kookarkin, Stakeholder and Community Liaison Manager) made a presentation regarding the Victoria Cross Metro Rail development, scheduled for completion by Lendlease in 2023, and operation by Sydney Metro in 2024.

Their presentation mentioned:

- the over-station development in the CBD (40 stories), and the northern entrance at the corner of Miller & McLaren (4 stories).
- the northern entrance will have 4 elevators, and also emergency egress stairs. Regarding program, the first floors (B10) have been poured, and floors b9 - b1 are expected at the rate of one per week. The cavern works have substantially progressed, i.e. to fit-out.
- the southern site below-ground structure is underway, with calendar 2022 devoted to the construction of the station, i.e., the hole, and up to Level 4, above ground. The over station development is an additional 36 stories, to be built thereafter.

The poor condition of the footpath on both sides of McLaren St was noted, and a request was made for Lendlease to improve the safety and lighting if they were able to.

Mr Craven and Ms Kookarkin left the meeting at 8pm.

Other Business of Meeting

Minutes - the minutes of the previous meeting were moved, seconded, and carried.

1 - Financial Report - Reflects latest statement from Beyond Bank, for a total of \$990.00. It was noted the account may be moved to a more convenient location in North Sydney.

2 - Development Applications

- a) 199 Miller - Rag & Famish Hotel. A less ambitious rooftop bar is now proposed, which has a lower impact than the previous development, and the previous development has been withdrawn.

Action: Precinct requested Council impose conditions restricting keg storage & delivery and patron queuing, so that the amenity of the Berry St footpath is preserved.

- b) 100 Walker St - 44 storey application. This application has gone direct to the Regional Planning Panel, with Precinct concerned that this likely means approval is inevitable.
- c) Greenwood Bridge - new billboards. (Pacific Highway).

Action: NSC to note that Precinct oppose this application, due to the additional commercialisation, visual pollution, and potential driver distraction of the proposal.

3 - Correspondence

Precinct e-news - items mentioned include:

- a) North Sydney Walking Strategy - feedback is sought from Council, with Precinct encouraged to review & respond.
- b) Stanton Library hours of operation have extended.
- c) The High Street Wharf is going to be upgraded.
- d) Community feedback on the Harbour Bridge Cycleway extension was encouraged. It was noted there seemed an inevitability that the extension would be made, so it is important feedback is provided to select the least problematic alternative.
- e) Homeless people in the CBD: Council responded their previous efforts have been resisted and there is little that can be done.
- f) New Year's Eve events were noted
- g) Precinct noted, with disappointment, that a majority of Councillors voted against the Precinct suggestion to oppose commercial use of Council parks.

Other Business

- a) The traffic lights (Miller & Ridge) remain problematic, and it is suggested a green arrow would be an improvement.

Action: Council to engage with relevant authorities and improve the traffic lights.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm