

Stanton Precinct Minutes - 3 August 2021, 7:30pm

Attendees - 9 attendees, via Zoom

Apologies - SFB, AP, BN, RS

Minutes - the previous minutes were moved, seconded, and carried

1 - Financial Report - Reflects latest statement from Beyond Bank, for a total of \$990.00

2 - Development Applications

a) no Stanton DA's for current month.

b) CBD DA's were noted as follows:

- 99 Arther St - noted, no major concern

3 - Correspondence

Precinct e-news

a) **Draft amendment to NSDCP regarding tower setbacks.** Feedback is open until 16 August. In essence, the changes endeavour to create greater and/or stepped facades, which are more consistent with Sydney CBD standards.

b) **173 - 179 Walker Street** (& Hampton Street). NSC is seeking to clarify its requirements, so that the 2013 rules and NSC support (including regarding max height on part of the site of RL148) are contingent on a voluntary planning agreement regarding affordable housing and financial contributions, i.e., 5% of housing to be affordable, and/or monetary contribution per dwelling, for a total of circa \$3.1 - \$3.3m.

Discussion included affordable housing (defined to be 20% lower than average) remains unrealistic for the target residents, notwithstanding it is desirable in principle. The practicalities of how affordable housing is implemented was of concern. The impact of the development on surrounding residents, including heritage structures, remain of significant concern to the Precinct, as does the management of construction traffic.

The Planning Panels decision (to grant 30 floors, rather than 20 stories as per Council's Civic study) was discussed. Several residents flagged their intention to resubmit their objection to this development.

c) The increase in **heights to the buildings on the north side of McLaren St**, which are greater than the south side, seems flawed. Precinct expressed concern that the Civic Study and the Ward St Masterplan appeared irrelevant, given these developments.

d) The new **e-Library arrangements** were noted, as was the imminent 10 August Census.

e) **The Coal Loader:** A newsletter will be launched soon, and additional initiatives are under to promote art and community art creation by individuals.

The Precinct unanimously supported these great initiatives of the Coal Loader and North Sydney Council.

f) Various Crows Nest and North Sydney **Community Centre neighbour initiatives** were noted and applauded.

g) It is now possible to subscribe to a weekly newsletter regarding DA submissions, and the elections have been deferred to 4 December.

4 -Council's reply to Precinct minutes

- a) regarding 168A Walker St (dust, noise), the meeting heard Council had monitored this.
- b) Council's response re the clarification of rate increases was heard.
- c) Miller/Ridge traffic light phasing: Council responded the Traffic Manager has been referred to TransportNSW. Precinct thanked Council for its action, and requested the request be amplified to encourage TfNSW to actually take action.
- d) The issue of **St Leonards Park anti-social cycling** behaviour (excess speed, unsupervised children, helmets) was discussed. The possibility of cycling speed limits was suggested. Council requested additional documentation of incidents be reported to it. Precincts note the request; however, it was proposed that intermittent oversight by Rangers (perhaps once per fortnight) would be more effective at deterring anti-social behaviour in St Leonards Park.
- e) Precinct expressed dissatisfaction regarding Council's response re the adequacy of **leaf clearing** during the peak autumn leaf-fall.
- f) **Charity bin dumping**: Council advised the bins are within private property, that increased collections have been arranged and residents should contact Anglicare directly.

5 - Council meeting of 26 July 2021

The meeting heard:

- Council's is trying to **reduce waste**, per a Federal Government initiative, to improve resource recovery and reduce waste. However, commercial issues appear to be an impediment. A trial is underway for a separate food-waste stream.
- **Fishing**. Precinct heard that Council's efforts to control anti-social behaviour remained problematic. The outright prohibition/closing off Sawmillers Reserve seemed disproportionate, and there was a concern this was the thin edge of the wedge and that a ban on recreational fishing for the entire LGA waterside areas could be next. The opportunity for additional enforcement and increased fines was suggested as a better solution than a ban on fishing in Sawmillers.
- **Infrastructure Contribution Reform**: Precinct expressed concern that these potential changes would adversely affect Council revenue, and/or put pressure on future Rate levels.
- Proposal for an enhanced **harbour walking track** was noted, and it is on Council exhibition.
- Council is exhibiting its "pop-up" temporary **part closure of Miller St** (between Pacific & Berry), and it is hoped this will transition into further pedestrian enhancement of area.

(AL stepped out at 8:30, during discussion of the Miller St pop up)

- JS discussed Traffic issues around the proposed East Walker Street development. A copy of his work has been forwarded to the Meeting attendees.
- SC asked why NSC changed the number of Storeys allowed on the McLaren Street site (between the Northern Metro entrance and Rydges Hotel entrance) from the 12 Storeys specified in the Civic Precinct Planning study to 24 storeys. The Development proposal by Sydney Metro has included a 24-storey building. This will create an even worse traffic outcome for our already congested streets in this small area.