

## **Wollstonecraft Precinct Committee Meeting Wednesday 12 August 2020 Minutes**

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:35 PM and welcomed all twenty four (24) attendees whose names had been checked against the list of pre-registrations. Two pre-registrants withdrew during the day because of medical risks potential. Nine (9) written apologies were also received.

The Chair referred to the Report that had been circulated to attendees prior to the meeting.

### **Item 1. Update Crows Nest OSD and SLCN 2036 Plan**

The chair's report on this matter was taken as read. After a brief discussion the proposed motion was put to the vote and the meeting resolved as follows:

#### **That the Wollstonecraft Precinct Committee condemn in the strongest possible terms:**

1. The failure by the NSW government to honour the promise of the Premier that there would be genuine consultation and engagement with the community in regard to the Crows Nest Over Station Development;
2. That the Department of Planning has failed to comply with its own formal process for response to submissions on the Crows Nest OSD and the St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan.
3. That the Department of Planning has selected these two projects for fast tracking even though neither have the support of the community and Council (which was a criterion advised by the Minister for Planning).
4. That there was deliberate disregard and delay in consideration of the community's more than 600 objections to:
  - a. The Sydney Metro Concept DA for the OSD;
  - b. The Department's own proposal to change the development controls of the North Sydney LEP to accommodate the Metro Concept DA;
  - c. the proposed changes to land use and building heights within the St Leonards Crows Nest draft 2036 plan;
5. That a post-exhibition proposal by the Government Architect for a 15 storey building is being suddenly planned for the Five Ways Site at Crows Nest without the advice or opportunity for community consultation;
6. That the government ignored a petition containing 1800 signatures, 500 copies of which were delivered to the member for Willoughby, the member for North Shore, and the member for Lane Cove condemning amongst other things, the Crows Nest OSD and the Five Ways Site as a Significant Site;
7. That despite many attempts by the community to engage with the Department of Planning, the department has continued to ignore the submissions of the community.

#### **Voting**

<b>Number</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
24	24	0	0

## **Item 2. Update Wollstonecraft Station Access Upgrade**

The chair's report on this matter was taken as read. The meeting noted the advice of the Dept of Transport NSW that the upgrade was a mandatory requirement to comply with legislation.

After a brief discussion the meeting agreed that Precincts best chances of achieving compromise or improvement on some of the planning was to rely on North Sydney Council who is in contact with the Department of Transport NSW. Emphasis on reduction of noise from additional platform announcements and the proposed substation are of particular concern to residents in #50 Shirley Road.

The meeting noted a rigid attitude of the Department that refuses to do anything beyond its obligations to satisfy the legislation. In particular, they have no plans or willingness to add toilets to Platform 2.

### Note for Council Action and Report

## **Item 3. On-street Parking Area 15**

Affected residents in Milray Avenue had been invited to speak to this item for discussion and possible action but there was nothing debated at the meeting. It was noted parts of Milray Avenue at the southern end nearer to Shirley Road now have improved resident's access in those areas.

The area most affected is the lower, one-way section of Milray Ave from house numbers 70 to 84 closer to the station. The meeting agreed that we should wait for the group of residents in those houses to make a proposal for change to the current arrangements and then Precinct can provide its support.

### Note for Council Action and Report

## **Item 4. Precinct Committee Review Stage 1**

The chair's report on this matter was taken as read. The Chair clarified that the draft documents attached to the report were in fact Precinct's response that would be lodged with Council by the due date on 19 August.

Accordingly, the meeting resolved as follows:

That Precinct Supports:

1. The Precinct System Review Stage 1 Discussion Paper Comments as appended;
2. The Precinct System Review Stage 1 Amended Code of Conduct Comments as appended.

### **Voting**

<b>Number</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
24	23	0	1

### **Item 5. Hume Street Park Expansion to Willoughby Road**

The Chair's report and the appended note prepared for the meeting by Councillor Baker were taken as read. It was noted that Council has approved calling of tenders only for stage 1 of the approved project so far, leaving the widening of the fringes of the park on Hume Street and major earthworks and landscaping for a later tender process.

The meeting resolved to acknowledge and thank Councillor Baker for her work in promoting this project over the many years it has taken to arrive at approval of the project and its implementation. Precinct also resolved that the Chair write to Council urging the implementation of Stage 2 of the approved project without undue delay.

#### **Voting**

<b>Number</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
24	24	0	0

#### Note for Council Action and Report

### **Item 6. Update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool**

The report of the Chair was taken as read. After discussion it was resolved:

That the Precinct writes to the Council and Mayor in the following terms:

1. At the special meeting held at the Uniting Church Hall Wollstonecraft on 19 November 2019, to consider the DA, residents voiced strong preference for the 50m pool to be filled with harbour water. The Mayor was noted as saying from the floor of the meeting that harbour water for the 50m pool would be retained.
2. Precinct lodged a submission representing the majority of comments from the floor. In that submission, comments #8 and #9 confirmed the strong preference for the 50m pool being filled with harbour water and the advantages that follow.
3. The approved DA has no provision for the retention of harbour water and instead is a mixture of fresh water and salt (saline water).
4. Use of saline water would result in the loss of the EPA license for the future use of Harbour water thus denying any future change to use harbour water.
5. Precinct requests that the Mayor arranges for the retention of harbour water in the 50m pool which has been a major feature of the heritage pool since its construction in 1936.

#### **Voting**

<b>Number</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
24	24	0	0

### **Item 7. 25 Shirley Road – Tresillian DA for Information**

The Chair's report was taken as read. Residents in the near vicinity and those who made a submission on the DA have received advice from the organisation that they have selected a project manager and are now proceeding with the preparation of formal documentation to allow final approval and tenders to be called. There was a suggestion from the floor that

financing of construction in addition to the continuing operations at the head office may be an issue that could delay the project. No commencement date has been advised.

## General Business:

### 1. Advertising of DAs

As Council is no longer required to advertise DAs in the local paper (Mosman Daily), it is necessary to sign up for the DA newsletter to keep on top of what is going on. Here's the link:

[https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Council\\_News/E-news](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Council_News/E-news)

Scroll down and click DA Applications and Consents

Council is trying to help by publishing weekly, a list of new DAs and issuing them to Precincts. The Chair advised that he reviews those announcements and mails them out only when the DAs affect our immediate or nearby area. However, these notices only reach 250 on the mailing list, leaving many people out of the loop (who don't sign up with Council).

The meeting resolved to ask Council to also publish DAs on their website.

#### Voting

Number	For	Against	Abstain
24	24	0	0

#### Note for Council Action and Report

### 2. Noise on Berry Island Reserve:

A resident living near the reserve reported that the site is used for bootcamps in the early morning and that in at least one case, noise was excessive caused by one female person with a particularly loud voice. There are occasions where the bootcamps are conducted on Sunday mornings (a period when excessive noise is prohibited).

The meeting resolved to ask Council to take positive action to contain the noise to reasonable levels (to be quantified), banning before 6am, to erect signs warning people to be considerate of neighbours and that excessive noise on Sundays is prohibited, and to mount a campaign to have Rangers visit to police the warnings.

#### Voting

Number	For	Against	Abstain
24	24	0	0

#### Note for Council Action and Report

.....  
Signed