



WOLLSTONECRAFT PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 13 April 2022

1. **Welcome and Attendance:** 20 residents and 2 Councillors attended (Separate List).
2. **Apologies:** Cr. GS, BB, JH, BH, MC, PW, RA, GR, DK
3. **Sydney Heritage Fleet:** Alan Edenborough, Relocation Director of the Sydney Heritage Fleet presented a draft proposal **“The New Home of Sydney Heritage Fleet”** for the relocation of some of the Sydney Heritage Fleet (Sydney Maritime Museum Ltd) into part of Berrys Bay. The large fully rigged ship The James Craig would not be permanently moved from its current location at Pyrmont nor would ships of similar size (such as the ferry Kanangra). There would be a museum constructed on two levels. Woodley’s boatshed would be utilised to provide small wooden boat restoration and light maintenance of the SHF. To avoid extra road traffic, visitors to the fleet would arrive and leave by boat provided by the SHF. A possible red flag for Council and local residents, is a 21- berth marina for vessels up to 15metres long. This would provide an income stream to service the on-going costs of running and maintaining the museum and other moorings. Parking spaces for up to about 60 cars is proposed. A copy of the condensed draft proposal is attached to these minutes. A larger version of the draft proposal is also attached.

The SHF is seeking preliminary comments which can be sent to Wollstonecraft Precinct (wollstonecraft.precinct@hotmail.com) for forwarding to Alan Edenborough.

The proposal is in its very preliminary stage and needs further development to obtain financial support and approval from Maritime NSW, North Sydney Council and presumably Transport for NSW while it constructs the WHT.

4. **Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on Feb 9 2022:** Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 Feb 2022, having been circulated be taken as read were confirmed as a true copy. Moved TG; Seconded SY. For 20; Against 0; Abstained Nil.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Wollstonecraft Station Access Upgrade:** Precinct noted that the station work is nearing completion with a planned hand over in mid-May subject to weather. Issues that remain contentious for residents are:
 - Lost opportunity to install toilets on platform 2 side which would have been welcomed by disabled and other passengers

- Glaring lighting everywhere, especially exceptional lights on either side of the bridge that blinds oncoming traffic and therefore jeopardises safety of arriving and departing pedestrians as they cross the roadway
 - Lighting and disabled signage in front of the lift platform 2 that intrudes into neighbouring property at 1A Telopea Street
 - A CCTV camera that can potentially invade the privacy of owners of house #1A Telopea St.
 - Cars travelling west on Shirley Road continue to do a three point turn on the pedestrian crossing on the eastern end of the bridge into the driveway of house #50 to drop off passengers. This is a particularly dangerous habit.
 - Loss of pedestrian crossing with refuge for pedestrians that cross from the northern side of the bridge to the east side of Shirley Road. The public now takes risks stepping off the kerb because it is not convenient to cross at the new pedestrian refuge.
 - Loss of two bays of public parking on the north side of Shirley Road outside of house #50.
 - Loss of the “no parking zone” in front of house #1 Telopea St which was a convenient place to drop passengers or to deliver goods to the shops.
 - Loss of access to the public and Precinct notice boards for the whole construction period spanning almost 2 years
 - Removal of structures (signboards) that supported signs advertising the shops and refusal to do anything about replacing any structures.
 - The demolition of two brick walls resulting in loss of weather protection to the “waiting room” on platform 1.
- b) **Planning Proposal 1/21 – 270 to 272 Pacific Highway Crows Nest.** Precinct noted that after the proposal was forwarded to DPIE with a recommendation that the proposal proceeds to Gateway, Council has accepted the role of Proposal Planning Authority, there being no further action on part of the Precinct until the proposal is exhibited for public consultation.
- c) **Planning Proposal 7/21 – 378-390 Pacific Highway Crows Nest.** The management report on assessment of this proposal was considered at the NSLPP meeting held on Wed 13 April. Councillor Baker reported feedback from Council was optimistic and welcomed the excellent submissions from Precinct and from SY at the panel meeting.

The NSLPP subsequently published its decision to refuse to support the progression of the Planning Proposal to DPE seeking a Gateway Determination. Copy of the minutes of its meeting are attached

- d) **Crows Nest Post Office for Crows Nest:** The meeting noted the campaign had begun to return the Post Office to Crows Nest (preferably in the station box)at the corner of Hume Street, Pacific Highway with loading dock on Clarke Lane. A report will be prepared for the June meeting.

- e) **Holtermann Street Carpark Redevelopment:** The meeting noted that a brief commentary was provided by the Director of Engineering Services to the Mainstreet Committee on March 22: Interest was high with 300 survey responses and 80 submissions received. The preferred option appears to be Option 1 which promotes closure of the footpath between Zig Zag Lane and Alexander Lane and a kiosk built into the entrance structure. The matter was due to be considered by Council at its April meeting.
- f) **PP 7/20 Fiveways Site Crows Nest:** The meeting noted an updated “complying proposal” has been lodged by the applicant. This is currently under assessment by the NS Council Strategic Planning group for a report to go to the NSLPP on 1 June and then to Council.
- g) **Council Responses to Action Items:** Council Summary of Actions was discussed and it was noted that the promise of line markings on Shirley Road as raised at the February meeting had not been commenced. Precinct also requests likely timing of improvements at the roadway intersections at McKye Street, Carr Street, Crows Nest Road and at Belmont/Shirley Road which are currently rated as medium priority.

6. General Business:

- a. **DPIE – A New Approach to Rezoning Applications.** The meeting noted a comprehensive submission had been lodged by Council and that Precinct had cooperated with the Committee for North Sydney who both lodged brief submissions.
- b. **Planning Proposal 9/21:** The meeting noted this new proposal for a 18 storeys mixed use tower at 360 Pacific Highway (western side) and south of Hume Street opposite the Metro Station. Precinct will follow up with the LPP meetings in June
- c. **Lane Cove Council:** The meeting noted that LCC has uploaded a new Planning Proposal to their website for the site at 448 - 456 Pacific Highway (the Car Wash site), on the corner of Oxley Street and the Pacific Highway. The 2036 Plan has the following controls for this site: Height 30 stories FSR 7:1. Given the history of LCC in relation to planning proposals and DAs, NS Council was requested to write to influence a sensible outcome for this outlandish proposal which even if it achieves compliance with the 2036 Plan would result in a significant increase in population and a disproportionate number of additional vehicles and congestion.

- 7. **Meeting Close:** There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:03pm. The next meeting will be on 8 June

Attachments: The New Home of the Sydney Heritage Fleet
 A New Attraction for Sydney Harbour - A Concept for Community Consultation
 NSLPP minutes of meeting held April 13