

Vaucluse Precinct Meeting Minutes By Ron Nothman (Secretary) 1st November 2012

Attendees....13 Residents, 2 Councillors, and 3 Council officers attended the meeting.

The meeting started at approximately 7.30pm, Chaired by David Spicer.

It was decided to allow Council staff to give their presentations first.

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Council Officer Lorna Bussell made presentations relating to ..

NYE at Dudley Page Reserve and noted that road closures were applicable on Victory St between Gilbert St and Blake St. from 6.30 pm until 1.30 am.

Their will be jumping castles, Food, DJ, Adults \$30.00 including 3 Kids.

Sydney Water total capacity granted is 2,500 persons.

That it is a no profit, event subsidised by Council, and that the NYE party at Bondi Beach covers all outputs.

Council Officer Bianca Simpson (Open Space Planning Manager) and Scott Spiers Council officer made presentations relating to...

“The Bondi Beach Plan of Management”.

(POM) is the way Council manages an area.

The idea is a 10-year plan for the Parkland, Pavilion, and beach areas, also encompassing Campbell Pde to the water line South to North.

Seek to balance community and business.

The existing plan is 17 years old.

50,000 visitors on a summer’s day.

Crown Land managed by Council.

Q. David Spicer. What needs change/ review?

Scott Spiers.... Heritage, RL’s, study, community Consultations.

Have a say day, 17th of November, or Email as a precinct or individuals.

Q. Judith Rychter..Is this going to be another Waverley Stadium?

Q. Lawrence Yeung.. Margaret Whitlam Beach ?

Time now to make formal submissions.

Q. David Spicer. Are there any options yet?

Bryce Basser.. There needs to be more seating around the Southern grass area.

Ron Nothman..

1. There needs to be a lot more Motor Cycle Parking, without the loss of one car space, this can be achieved adjacent to the entry boom gates there is a no stopping zone, the garbage bins should be relocated out of sight that are now on Queen Elizabeth Drive (QED), and this made into motor bike parking. The area between the lifesavers tower and the disabled parking could also with little financial input be turned into split motor bike parking and pedestrian pathway, and the jutting out raised curb area, outside the Bondi Lifesavers Club could be easily be altered to accommodate many motor bikes. Norfolk Island Palms should be permanently planted on the promenade at 70 metre distances, a safe trunk distance from the QED wall, and roughly seating for eight adults either side be installed to allow for a seat and shade at the hottest times of the day.

2. That a third tollgate be installed and the existing lane markings and traffic flow set up altered to allow the centre lane and toll booth for Cash/ credit payments only, and the two outside lanes be for resident parking scheme tag holders. This will allow free flow outbound for residents from the QED and the back parking area, instead of being blocked in on a busy day by the failed present set up.

3. That the water pressure on most external bubblers and showers, is less than satisfactory at heavy use and peak times.

4. That the drainage from the showers be sorted out correctly, as the human soup from these showers has been flowing over the promenade for many years, after several failed attempts to solve the ongoing issue.

Councils GM is an accomplished hydraulic engineer, it may be prudent to ask him his inputs.

5. No exception financial penalty enforcement for all off leash dogs.

6. The re establishment of the 2 Mermaids at Mermaid rock, North Bondi, maybe by donation by artists or art schools.

7. International high quality flags on either side of the main path to the beach that starts opposite Roscoe St Mall to opposite the Lifesavers tower.

Ericka Van Aalst.. The Council needs to think ahead, they should supply free bicycles as in Europe.

John Joyce ... Absolutely No dogs off leash on the Promenade.

Councillor Leon Goltsman .. The Rangers need to follow this up, as it is already a dog leash zone.

Judith Rychter .. It is important to keep the existing character of Bondi Beach.

Ericka Van Aalst.. Rent out all the outside areas.

Councillor Miriam GuttmanJones.. The back of the Pavilion has a great area for use.

Scott Spiers Council officer ..Please give all your inputs.

Sally Betts gave her apologies for non-attendance.

Q: David S asked Miriam and Leon How are things in the new Council.

A: Leon Things are now getting done efficiently and quickly.

Discussion of Minutes Arising Notes.

David S.. Burge St trees Update

Ron N .. Christophe told me has been working very hard to find a balanced solution, and efficient outcomes to the many problems. He has been liaising with the cemetery supervisor, council officers, and has put his heart into the Burge St issue, but was not happy with the way things have been done to date.

Ericka Van Aalst.. The Save Christianson Park Action Group (SCPAG) is strongly opposed to any and all Tuckeroos being planted. It is stupid to plant them under the power lines. This is a Waverley Council nonsense. It is a sad thing that Waverley Council is doing. These trees will grow all over the road, and cause accidents. They will grow up into the power lines. This is a Council nonsense and SCPAG is strongly opposed this action.

David S .. The Dudley Page Bike Track.

Ron N. The kiddie's bike track has become an outstanding success. It is used 7 days a week and heavily used on the weekends. I have noted up to 50 adults plus children using the bike track. Users are ecstatic to have the facility, and at this time I am not aware of any complaints about the track except for parking and road crossing concerns by users. Congratulations are in order for Council.

David S ..I have noticed that the placement by Council of many trees is quite poor, especially near my corner.

Ron N .. Don't get me started on this one.

Several attendees then spoke simultaneously in upset tones about general tree plantings.

Leon G .. The last Mayoral minute will revisit trees dropping mess, and destroying property. There will be a full review of the tree plan.

AGENDA ITEMS

Q: David S .. The development at the old Vaucluse High School has been raised.

Ericka Van Aalst.. This is supposed to be a seniors complex, but it will effect all residents around Waverley.

1. Very large building should only be max 3 stories high, 9.5 m max.
2. This will be 5 stories high 18.25m high.
3. Height, bulk , parking, spread over 3 buildings.
4. Building 1 227 beds
5. Building 2 14 x 1 or 2 beds
6. Building 3 Dining Hall etc not residential.
7. St Vincents Hospital has 250 beds.
8. This will be the biggest development ever in Woollahra Council.
9. It will be built to the boundary line.
10. Ground space is 26,306 m2
11. Above ground is 21,350 m2
12. Below ground 4,990 m2
13. Parking for 99 cars.
14. 1 ambulance.
15. 2 other spaces.
16. They should have at least 75 more spaces for staff.etc.
17. 99 spaces for staff at least.
18. No visitors parking.
19. Mammoth problem on the weekends with sport at the Christison Park.
20. There will be nowhere to park, especially on shift changes.
21. Absolute nightmare.
22. Sunshine gone.
23. Bad feeling for residents.
24. Bad feeling for outside residents.
25. It will affect all residents' feelings and wellbeing.

26. Waverley Council is responsible to bring this to the attention of Woollahra Council.

Lawrence Yeung.. There must be an impact on NSHR and OSHR as they are already packed with cars, and Waverley Council does nothing to better the parking.

Terry Pullinger..The end of Young St is seriously inadequate with the new development parking. Council is cutting down on parking. Unit holders are using their garages for storage and parking on the streets.

(Many attendees agreed to this)

Helen MCarthy .. The developers the (Morans) displayed photos by Marchete Partners. The original plans showed a low-key world-class restaurant.!!!

Miriam GJ .. We have asked Woollahra Council for a lot more detail but it will probably be put to the (JRC)

Leon G .. It must be greater than \$20,000,000.

Morris Swift.. This development is horrendous, an insult to intelligence! The footprint 100x, no setback, it will look like a mountain from the streets, they have done many section 96's , it was a school where the few staff went home, not 24/7 staff in large numbers, it just goes on and on.

Leon G..We can battle , but it is out of our hands.

C.. You can compare this to the ugly Seidler Building in Kimberley St, it has the same height and more bulk.

Morris Swift his is something that should be in Alexandria or Waterloo.

Miriam GJ When Council took on the benevolent Society in Bondi , they went to the Land and Environment court, and had to reduce the size.

Morris Swift There has been 2 section 96's to increase size, the DA is massive. The perspective from Laguna St is HORRENDOUS.

David S Motion please.

Ericka Van Aalst Supplied a hand written motion...

That Waverley Council representing the residents of this area write to Woollahra council and the State member, Gabrielle Upton, opposing the height, size and bulk, lack of parking of the Seniors complex on the former Vacluse High School site.

1. Ericka Van Aalst
2. Judith Rychter

Unanimous 13 hands.

David S... Dumped Cars

Terry Pullinger.. Billy Hyde Dumped outside our building.

David s Traffic Issues..

Issabelle Av 2 options

1. Passing Bays

2. 1 way movement. Less impact 1 way movement.

John Joyce.. One-way flow is the ideal solution as Isabelle Av is now a stalemate and getting worse all the time.

Q: David S Are there any other options?

Sue Bassetti.. Isabelle Av in –out, Diamond Bay Rd in –out, widen Diamond Bay Rd and create angle parking bays.

John Joyce Not a hope in Hell. People should use their garages for parking instead of storage.

The following motion was moved.

Parking Bays would be a good solution.

1. John Joyce
2. Sue Bassetti

Unanimous 9 hands.

David S .. Playgroup agenda item.

No representatives were present. It was not discussed.

General Business

David S “The Chairman of the Precinct Meeting counselled all participants at Precinct Meetings, including Precinct Committee members, to be cautious about making clear in public forums and in correspondence whether they are expressing a personal view or if this view is authorised by the Precinct, a group of people or an organisation.”

He said there had been complaints against three individuals in different circumstances.

A letter and a petition was read out and discussed. Both have been withdrawn.

A very lively discussion followed which continued after the meeting finished.

Two residents complained about The Save Christianson Park Action Group (SCPAG)

Sue Bassetti: This group’s claims are upsetting a lot of people, I did not ask you or your group at any time to represent me.

Maryanne I do not want (SCPAG) in any way to represent me.

The Chairman of SCPAG Ericka Van Aalst complained about not being warned about this discussion as a number of her supporters had left the meeting a few minutes earlier and she indicated they would have offered a contrary view.

General Business continued

John Joyce I want to cut down a tree??

Miriam GJ We are looking at new ways to give more control to owners.

Leon G The rules at the moment are quite draconian.

The meeting was closed at approximately 9.20.