

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on 21 May 2014

Chaired by Peter Lynch with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm

All current correspondence and notifications are available at the rear of the room.

Present

Councillor Angela Burrill; Councillor Andrew Cusack; Councillor Paula Masselos; Councillor Joy Clayton; Mary Shiner; Maree Girdler; Annette Trubenbach and 68 others present, as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Mayor Sally Betts ; Tony & Kerry Moses; Dan Joannides (Divisional Manager - Technical Services); Diana Buttigieg and Jennifer Lynch.

Motion 1 - To bring forward the AGM election

Howard Parry-Husbands moved the following motion: I understand that some residents intend to raise issues regarding item 3 on tonight's agenda, ie, the minutes of the 19 February Precinct Meeting. This might take some time to deal with and not all residents present tonight attended the February meeting.

The main item on tonight's agenda is item 5 - the AGM election of the Precinct executive committee - and I suspect that some residents might appreciate getting straight onto the main agenda item without a potentially lengthy delay.

Accordingly I would like to move the following motion:

Motion

That item 5 on the agenda be brought forward and dealt with ahead of item 3.

The motion was seconded by Frank Cahill.

The motion was carried.

Annual General Meeting - election of Committee members for 2014-2015

Peter Lynch stepped down and Lenore Kulakauskas, Convenor of Bondi Beach Precinct chaired the meeting during which the election was carried out in the following manner as endorsed at the Combined Precinct Meeting on 13 November 2013:

- Returning officers need to be appointed and briefed and can be
 - Convenors/secretaries from other Precincts
 - Councillors
 - Precinct members

- A registration desk needs to be established with sign in forms, Precinct maps and voting cards
- A different colour voting card is to be used and issued to business voters once the meeting has allowed the business vote
- In the event of a long standing Precinct Executive being challenged, Co-Convenorship (sharing the position of Convenor) is to be offered. If not accepted then the vote/ballot should proceed as per usual when more than one candidate is nominated for a position
- The number of positions can be increased by nominating additional positions from the floor and putting it to the vote

Nominations were called for the following committee positions, all nominees were elected unopposed:

Convener: Charles Agius nominated **Marcella McAdam**, seconded by Frank Cahill.

Secretary: Frank Cahill nominated **Stephen B. Cohen**, seconded by Charles Agius.

DA Rep: Danielle Ecuier nominated **Matthew Gain**, seconded by Eric Scott.

Traffic Rep: Matthew Gain nominated **Howard Parry-Husbands**, seconded by Rebecca Brown.

Alcohol Rep: Adam Brass nominated **Danielle Ecuier**, seconded by Marcella McAdam.

Additional Committee Member: Gil Morris nominated **Andrew Bannister**, seconded by Bettina Orellana

Additional Committee Member: Danielle Ecuier nominated **Gil Morris**, seconded by Kate Watson

Marcella thanked out going Convener Peter Lynch for all the work he has done for the BJ Precinct.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 19 February 2014

Motion 2 - Minutes 19 February 2014

Frank Cahill addressed the meeting:

Mr Chairman, I have discussed the draft minutes of the 19 February 2014 Precinct meeting which were circulated with a number of residents present at the meeting and would like to suggest some changes to page 2 (which dealt with West Oxford Street).

1. First paragraph
2. Cost of the process
3. Protection of heritage
4. VPAs (voluntary planning agreement) and height limits
5. Who is the developer who approached Council?

Accordingly I would like to move the following motion:

Motion

That page 2 of the minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct meeting held 19 February 2014 be amended as follows:

1. The following sentence be added at the end of the first paragraph: "This could see them transformed into residential towers, retail space or office accommodation"
2. The words "plus extra for strategic planning" be added to the end of the answer to the question "how much is this process costing Council?"
3. The answer to the question about the protection of heritage be amended from a simple "yes" to "yes if it is of state significance, although there are no guarantees that any heritage building won't be remodelled or demolished"
4. It could not be confirmed at the meeting how the VPA money (\$3 million) received for the Forum (310 Oxford Street) had been used.

Councillor Angela Burrill explained that the \$3 million had not been spent yet, but may be allocated to the Complete Streets project.

5. The developer who approached Council leading to the WOSP charette was the developer of 310 Oxford Street.

The motion was seconded by Eric Scott.

The motion was carried.

Danielle Ecuyer raised the issue at previous VPAs have been received by Council, but there has not been a transparent process to inform the community on how these VPAs have been used.

Councillor Angela Burrill stated that VPAs are listed as items on the agenda of Council meetings.

A motion will be raised later in the meeting regarding VPAs.

Reports

DA: 344-354 Oxford Street (from Arthur Murray dance Studios / Greens Light Centres to the [former] Thai café) at the corner of Vernon Street was determined in March 2014.

Motion 3 - Accurate minutes

Eric Scott proposed the following motion:

That the incoming Precinct Executive investigate processes to ensure that accurate minutes are taken, confirmed by other members of the Executive present and distributed to attendees with no changes other than may be necessary for legal reasons.

The motion was seconded by Howard Parry-Husbands.

The motion was carried.

Motion 4 - list of VPAs

Eric Scott proposed the following motion:

The Precinct requests that Council provide an itemised list of VPA contributions over the last three years; the amounts involved; how much has been spent to date; on what; and the process for community input on the expenditure of these funds.

The motion was seconded by Colin Julin.

The motion was carried.

Motion 5 - Shadow diagrams

Kate Watson proposed a motion asking if Council could provide shadow diagrams for the proposed developments in West Oxford Street. In the past this had been denied by Council as it may not be an accurate representation of the shadowing.

The motion was seconded by Matthew Gain.

The motion was carried.

Motion 6 -Parking permit changes

Catherine Munroe stated that Council is planning to change the residential parking permit scheme in this area. She asked if there has been a recent traffic study undertaken and has a baseline been established and what are the impacts from the proposed developments.

Motion

Gil Morris proposed a motion that the Precinct request a summary of any recent traffic studies in our Precinct area and what are the impacts of the proposed developments?

Also the email sent to Danielle Ecuyer regarding parking in Areas 22, 5, 9, 10 and D be added to the agenda of the next Bondi Junction Precinct meeting.

The motion was seconded by Enid Hokin.

The motion was carried.

General business

Speeding

Gabrielle Haumesser submitted a request to the Precinct by email:

I would like to ask for urgent action for street marking and speed bumps in Llandaff street and Botany street. Things have become very serious since the roads have been resurfaced, people speed up and down these streets.

Last week there was a serious accident in Botany street. These street are now used to get around busy Hollywood Avenue and Council Street. Motorists do not respect speed limits and I have nearly been run over quite a few times. Can we please get a Precinct motion to ask for prompt action before others accidents occur?

West Oxford Street update

With regards to West Oxford Street, things have accelerated since our last Precinct meeting. There have been two outside briefings to residents, three meetings at Council and an online survey.

The design concepts (85 slides) are available on the Waverley Council website:
http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/current_projects/west_oxford_street_precinct_plan

There will be a public briefing on 18 June 2014 at 6.30pm in the Easts Leagues Club.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 August 2014

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