

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Easts Leagues Club on 18 February 2015

Chaired by Marcella McAdam with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes

The meeting opened at 6.00 pm

Present

Mayor Sally Betts; Councillor Andrew Cusack; Councillor Angela Burrill; Councillor Paula Masselos; Bruce Notley-Smith MP and 130 others present, as per the attendance sheets.

Precinct Committee: Matthew Gain (DA Rep); Howard Parry-Husbands (Traffic Rep); Gil Morris (Executive)

Apologies

Danielle Ecuyer (Precinct Committee - Licensing Rep).

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

On page 2 of the minutes, Paul Pearce is referred to as the Member for Coogee. He is not the Member for Coogee. He is currently a candidate for this seat in the upcoming State Government election.

There were responses to the motions presented at the previous meeting:

Motion

That the name of the Bondi Junction Precinct be changed to the:

Mill Hill/Bondi Junction Precinct.

Response

The motion was referred to the Precinct Review Committee (PRC) meeting held 28 January 2015. The motion was endorsed by the PRC and will be presented to the next Combined Precincts meeting scheduled for 11 March 2015 for endorsement.

Motion

Kate Watson proposed the motion that the precinct requests Waverley Council conducts a constitutional referendum under the Local Government Act to decide the outcome of an amalgamation at the next State Government election.

Response

Council has decided that the method of engaging the opinions of the community is by several methods:

- I. A statistically valid deliberative poll
- II. On-line survey open to all in Waverley
- III. Youth engagement programme
- IV. Hard copy surveys available at all customer service points, including the Seniors Centre

They have decided not to do a referendum for the reason the other methods are more inclusive whereas the referendum seeks the views of only electors and not the wider community that lives in Waverley. The methods set out above will be able to engage electors, youth, business owners, people renting and ratepayers who do not have their electoral address in Waverley for example.

Motion

Marcella McAdam proposed the motion that Waverley Council holds a widely advertised and promoted public meeting for residents of Mill Hill/Bondi Junction on the Bondi Junction civic presence, and that this public meeting be presented by consultant, Roberta Ryan. We request this action due to the fullness of our precinct agendas and to give residents a better chance to comprehend the breadth and depth of such a complex project.

Response

A public meeting is not proposed as part of the community engagement programme for the Bondi Junction Vision and Civic Precinct Masterplan. The primary tool to elicit community feedback has been the series of community interviews and personal and telephone surveys undertaken by UTS staff, supplemented by the on-line survey and meetings with the Combined Precinct Committee and the Bondi Junction Precinct Committee. A public meeting or workshop can be a very useful tool for discussing issues and opportunities and will be considered for inclusion in the next stage of any planning exercise for the Civic Precinct project.

The minutes were accepted by Frank Cahill and seconded by Robert Lenn.

General Business

Council has a new online development application tracking tool:

http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/development_applications/track_a_da

Council's current position on amalgamations can be found at:

http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/council/local_government_reform

Recently Woollahra residents were provided with new 120 litre yellow-lid wheelie bins designed to eliminate the need for sorting paper from containers, allowing all recycling to be co-mingled in the same bin. What is the status of Waverley Council's recycling bins?

Motion 1 - Notification of DAs from major instrumentalities

Jeremy Kinross moved the following motion:

On 9 February 2015 and 16 February 2015, substantial noise and vibration occurred during the removal of three 90kL underground fuel storage tanks at Waverley Bus Depot. This adversely affected residents of St James Road and Ruthven Street.

Another recent incident was the removal of substantial trees in Allens Parade Bondi Junction.

By law, is Council obliged to contact residents to alert them to major works such as this and how far afield is the extent of the notification area when the development application is lodged by a major State or Federal Government instrumentality?

Does Council meet the minimum requirements or does Council go above what is required?

What is the procedure for notification?

The motion was seconded by Eric Scott.

The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

The meeting was followed by a meet the candidates 2015 election panel - NSW state seat of Coogee.
Speakers: Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP (Liberal); Mr Paul Pearce (ALP) and Ms Lindsay Shurey (Greens).

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday April 29 2015 (AGM)

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