

## **Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on 16 May 2012**

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 Sally Betts; Councillor Mora Main; Councillor Kerry Sloan; Councillor Leon Goltsman; Council officers: Tony Reed, General Manager; Cathy Henderson, Director of Recreation, Customer & Community Services; Maree Girdler; and 27 residents were present, as per the attendance sheets.

### **Apologies**

Councillor Rose Jackson; Mary Shiner; Don White

### **Absent**

Mayor John Wakefield; Councillor Tony Kay

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM on 18 May 2011**

No matters arising.

Moved by John Wright

### **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 22 February 2012**

No matters arising.

Moved by Gayle Walker and seconded by Eric Scott

### **Report from the Bondi Junction Precinct sub-committee on alcohol induced behaviour by Danielle Ecuver**

The State Government is looking into the density of liquor outlets, their positioning and negative impacts. Bondi Beach and Bondi Road have had an influx of small bars and restaurants with liquor licences. 50% growth in bottle shops and 55% growth of on premises.

There has been an improvement in Clementson Park due to the removal of seating and increased police patrols.

### **Report on DAs**

310 Oxford Street Bondi Junction: A DA has been passed to increase the height from 12 stories to 14 stories. The Precinct have opposed this DA on three occasions. The development now includes a possible laneway or building for Council use where the newsagency is currently located, and this is not opposed by the Precinct.

253 & 255 Oxford Street Bondi Junction: Applications have been received to extend, until 3am, trading hours of the convenience store and Pizza shop. The Precinct have lodged a submission opposing this DA.

## **General business**

Submission to Council: Residents must put bins away after collection.

## **AGM - Election of the 2012-2013 Precinct Committee including an address by Tony Reed, General Manager on voting eligibility**

Tony Reed outlined the criteria for voting eligibility. Residents and non-resident owners of residential property are eligible to vote. Owners of commercial property can only vote if agreed to by the residents present at the Precinct meeting.

This was put to the vote and carried 12 to 8.

Frank Cahill stated that the Precinct should be for residents only as it is one of the few ways residents can access Council. Owners of commercial property have industry groups and Chambers of commerce.

The AGM was chaired by Tony Reed.

There was a maximum of one nominee for each position so a vote was not held. All nominees being elected unopposed.

The 2012-2013 Precinct Committee members are:

Convenor:	Peter Lynch
Secretary:	Stephen B. Cohen
Development Applications:	Joseph Kasses
Traffic:	Tony Moses
Alcohol sub-committee:	Danielle Ecuyer

## **Outstanding motions and matters carried forward from previous meetings**

### **18 May 2011**

#### **Shopping trolley address by Libby O'Neill**

Libby O'Neill outlined the current situation regarding abandoned shopping trolleys around the Bondi Junction area. Problem areas being near bus stops, taxi ranks and fire exits.

Council has been working with major retailers to find a solution.

Fines for infringements and to recover impounded trolleys has resulted in retailers taking more of an interest in talking to Council.

Mark Taylor from Willoughby City Council was instrumental in their Council' success in eradicating abandoned shopping trolleys using magnetic wheel locks.

The effectiveness of wheel locks is demonstrated in this short video: <http://bit.ly/trlock>

Eric Scott said that until this technology is installed in our local shopping centres, phoning the 1800 number for Trolley Trackers is still an effective way of getting abandoned trolleys removed from the streets.

#### **Response**

Councillor Sally Betts stated that Westfield have agreed to install a system to restrict trolleys from exiting the building. Eastgate had already agreed to do this. Implementing this may take up to six months (as at November 2011).

**18 May 2011**

**Motion**

**Amended motion to request a name change of residential areas of Bondi Junction to Mill Hill**

Stephen B. Cohen submitted an amended motion to request a name change of residential areas of Bondi Junction to Mill Hill.

Since lodging the original motion to change the suburb name for part of Bondi Junction, it has been requested by people who have spoken to Stephen to extend the area of the proposed suburb to cover all the low density residential areas north of Queens Park, rather than just the area which is currently in the locality of Mill Hill.

The new suburb would be an effective way of defining the low density residential properties and would help to keep high density and commercial developments out of the suburb.

We request Council make provision for the change when allocating the 2012-2013 budget.

This is the motion:

That the official suburb name of the area that includes most of the western heritage residential section of BONDJUNCTION to be renamed MILL HILL, retaining the postcode 2022.

Mill Hill is the current locality name for the western part of this area, but it is proposed to extend the suburb eastwards as many similar residences of historical interest can be found there.

The proposed area of Mill Hill would be bounded by Oxford Street; York Road, Birrell Street & Bronte Road (or Brisbane Street). The suburb of Mill Hill would not include the commercial area bounded by Oxford Street, Denison Street, Ebley Street & Newland Street).

The motion was seconded by Eric Scott and carried.

**Response**

As reported in May to the Bondi Junction precinct Waverley Council Officers have investigated the process for renaming suburbs or areas with the Geographical Names Board.

The process involves many different steps including community consultation and reporting to a full Council meeting for endorsement of any recommended changes. Council would in any case need to have evidence of broad community acceptance of this proposal before considering name changes. The Precinct will need to demonstrate broad residents' support through community consultation.

The request will be referred for consideration in the 2012-13 Budget process however please note that Council will need to consider any new requests for increased service delivery that requires additional funding. Precincts would be aware that following the decision the rate increase which will deliver less revenue than anticipated, Council has now established a Service efficiency Committee to address the funding shortfall. More information about how Council proposes to manage this situation will be available and presented to the Precincts in November.

The motion requires clarification as its stated objective of "keeping high density" out of the suburb cannot be achieved by this proposed suburb change.

**Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 15 August 2012**