

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on 20 November 2013

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 and 31 others present, as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Mayor Sally Betts; Councillor Paula Masselos; Jennifer Lynch; Tony Moses and Kerry Moses.

Guest speaker: Valerie Giammarco, Senior Strategic Planner - Urban Design, Waverley Council - Bondi Junction Complete Streets Project

Valerie gave a presentation on the Complete Streets project.

The Complete Streets project is part of Waverley Council's plan to enhance the vibrancy of Bondi Junction and its spaces. It involves greening and beautifying the footpaths and public places, making meeting places more vibrant and appealing, and improving connections for cycling, walking and access to public transport.

Council piloted two temporary pop up projects (Jigsaw and Urban Lounge) as part of Complete Streets to show the community how it could be realised.

A survey has been undertaken and in February 2013 a report will be presented to Council.



Jigsaw - Gray Street



Urban Lounge - Spring Street

Following are a number of answers to questions raised about Complete Streets along with some general observations:

- Regarding excessive traffic volumes, counts of cars, buses, trucks etc... were undertaken for the 2010 transport study.
- Spring Street will remain one way. Ebley Street will remain two ways.
- Complete Streets does not include The Mall as it is already in good condition (however it was suggested more seating is required along with the eradication of bicycles from the mall).
- The mall is dead at night. It was suggested that more restaurants could be encouraged to open there along with food markets, ie, night noodle markets.
- There is a general lack of parking in the Bondi Junction area. Complete Streets does not address this, but tries to shift people away from cars and onto bicycles or public transport. It also aims to improve walking links throughout the area. When Complete Streets is completed, there will be a 2% reduction in parking spaces, however Council is looking at other options. A resident mentioned that Council's Hollywood Avenue carpark is closed on Sundays, however since September 2013 it has been open on Sundays.
- The Urban Lounges in Spring Street were criticised for not providing enough shade for people to sit and eat their lunch and also due to the alarming number of smokers using the lounges even though they are designated no-smoking areas.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 14 August 2013

There were no matters arising.

The minutes were accepted by Charles Agius and seconded by Gayle Walker.

Noise from Centennial Park concerts

Excessive noise from the recent Listen Out concert at Centennial Park was a major concern to residents of Bondi Junction. The concert continued throughout the afternoon and evening till just before 10:00 pm

The EPA [NSW Environment Protection Authority] were monitoring noise levels in residential areas and claimed that they were within the limits.

Dr Peter West contacted Clover Moore regarding the noise issue. In the reply, Clover states: "In 2001, the EPA issued a Prevention Notice against the Trust which specified noise limits in the park. City staff also met with EPA representatives in 2008 where it was agreed that the EPA would respond to any complaints received about entertainment events in the park.

As the City of Sydney does not have authority to take action. I encourage you to report any future noise disturbances from Centennial Park to the EPA's noise pollution centre on 131 555 for further investigation."

Also see Motion 1 below.

DA Reports

Council supports the development at 570-588 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction. This mixed-use development has a border on Grafton Lane near Syd Einfeld Drive. Provision of CCTV cameras is a requirement of the approval. Additional floor space has been approved after a large payment was made by the developers to Council. This is now before a State Government body with the Precinct's objection.

Council also supports the construction of a mixed use building with basement carpark at 241 Oxford Street Bondi Junction (between Waverley Street and Hollywood Avenue).

253-255 Oxford Street (height was revised, and now is just OK).

22-26 Bronte Road (being considered, with our objection).

It was recommended that DA submissions be emailed to residents for input 24 hours before a submission is sent

to Council by the Precinct.

Change to parking fees at Eastgate and more cars being parked in the streets close to the shopping centre.

Residents in Lawson Street have been inconvenienced by people parking in their street instead of parking in Eastgate since a \$1.00 charge was levied for the first hour of parking.

Eastgate Centre Manager Daniel O'Connell stated that Eastgate pays Council a large amount of money for the use of part of the parking station owned by Council. This money should be going towards the maintenance and cleaning of the carpark, however it is not being well maintained.

Councillor Andrew Cusack stated that as Council owns some of the carpark, they expect a return on their investment and this money would be spent in other areas. This would be the same with any property owned by Council.

Also see Motion 3 below.

Address by Councillors

Councillor Andrew Cusack provided additional information on Council's position on the Eastgate carpark charges.

There is free parking available in Westfield, however that is paid for by tenants of the complex. If Council continued to subsidise parking in Eastgate, it would be the residents paying for parking and not the tenants.

General business

Trolleys from Coles have begun reappearing on streets due to a problem with the trolley locking system. Trolleys have been spotted in residential streets.

Motions from previous meetings

Motion

A motion was submitted by Charles Agius regarding the Bondi Junction Precinct AGM:

I move that the Bondi Junction Precinct -

1. Note that at the AGM held on 15 May 2013, the returning officer failed to comply with the Precinct Policy 2012 and Precinct Operational Guidelines in the following areas

1.1. The returning officer failed to ensure that only those eligible to vote at the AGM participated in the proceedings;

1.2. The returning officer failed to observe the spirit of the policy and guidelines in accepting the nomination of a resident as convenor who has occupied the position for over 10 years when the guidelines suggest that a person who has held office to two continuous years should not nominate for a precinct executive position unless there is no other nominee - and a resident who has regularly attended precinct meetings but had not held office had accepted nomination as convenor;

1.3. The returning officer failed to raise for discussion the option that the two nominees for convenor share the position as required by the guidelines.

2. Requests that Waverley Council ensures that the returning officer appointed to oversee the 2014 Bondi Junction Precinct AGM is fully aware of the applicable precinct policy and guidelines and ensures that they are accurately enforced in the interests of the precinct.

The motion was seconded by Gayle Walker.

The motion was carried.

Response

The motion was noted and forwarded to the General Manager and to the Precinct Review Committee (PRC) meeting held on 12 September.

The PRC recommendation to the Combined Precincts Meeting (CPM) was endorsed at the 11 November CPM and is as follows:

Agreement was reached on the following and it was suggested to recommend to the CPM that for the conduct of a Precinct AGM, the following be adhered to:

- 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

Motions

Motion 1

A motion was submitted by Peter West requesting Waverley Council to make strong representations on behalf of Waverley residents to stop the Centennial and Moore Park Trust from holding concerts in the park which subject residents to loud and excessive noise which can be heard within residents' homes.

The motion was seconded by Gil Morris.

The motion was carried.

Motion 2

A motion was submitted by Enid Hokin:

On behalf of the Bondi Junction Precinct, I wish to oppose the DA to extend the trading hours for the brothel at 22-26 Bronte Road Bondi Junction from 12 am to 2 am.

Although the entrance is in Gray Street, it's only metres from a very busy bus stop, used by school children, in Bronte Road and the popular shops at the corner.

We believe that it would create a dangerous precedent for the Waverley LGA.

The motion was seconded by Gil Morris.

The motion was carried.

Motion 3

Joanne Sully submitted a motion:

Could Council demonstrate the consultation it had with major stakeholders regarding the intended increase in the parking fees at Eastgate?

The motion was seconded by Mike Bonney.

The motion was carried.

Motion 4

A motion was submitted by Eric Scott:

This Precinct Committee calls on Waverley Council to support local business and assist the convenience of residents by withdraw the \$1.00 parking fee at Eastgate and reintroduce one hour of free parking.

The motion was seconded by Gil Morris.

The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 19 February 2014