

## Minutes of Dover Heights Precinct Meeting

Feb 22, 2016 – Body Express, 157 Military Road, Dover Height

Meeting commenced at 7:45 and ended at 9:45 PM

Present – Convenor Dov Frazer, Secretary Ron Nothman, DA Rep Peter Cappe,

CR Guttman-Jones Apologies CR Betts and Goltsman.

Attendance List Sent to Melissa Green separately

Minutes of previous meeting Moved – Mark Seskin, Seconded Michael Gottlieb, Passed with request that minutes be modified to acknowledge presentation by Paul Bryant from Fairfield RSL sub branch

### Matters Arising:

1 – Council Responses regarding calming devices on Hardy and 4P signage on Military Road along Williams Park – Dov reported the council requires a petition from all affected residents in the general area in order to even consider any changes. Dov invited concerned residents to take on that petition process if they were keen to move forward

Cr Guttman-Jones said that she did not recall the need for a petition when 4P Friday only signage was installed on Portland Street

2 - Dov reported on refusal of Waverley Council Strategic Tree Officer to meet with DHP to discuss long standing issues and unwillingness to honor previous agreements. Dov reported on the Council advice which indicated that any issues would need to be submitted in writing for response. It was also indicated the council officers would not be attending any precinct meetings for open forum discussions. Dov volunteered to take on this task and submit long standing DHP tree concerns in writing as per their request and report back at the next meeting.

3 – Rodney Reserve Motions – Dov reported that motions from the June and November DHP meetings mostly had the same response which was, “Motion was forwarded to the Executive Manager, Safe Waverley for noting and consideration.” Dov told the residents how pathetic he thinks these responses are and that our concerns are again being “noted and ignored”

### **Rodney Reserve Subcommittee**

Ron noted that a least 6 residents complained about the totally inconsistent responses from council officers in regarding Rodney Reserve proposals

Dov posted on the wall the names, phone number and emails of Council's Executive Team - Cathy Henderson, Scott Field, Emily Scott and Paul Sparks. Dov encouraged the residents to contact the above person with their submissions regarding proposals in Rodney Reserve.

Dov read email from Mayor Sally Betts about Rodney Reserve.

Cr Guttman-Jones said that in April a concept plan including landscape surveys and architectural would go on public exhibition and that the proposals would be voted on by council at the meeting in June

Lisa Rubenstein said that the traffic absorption and traffic flow issues makes the overall proposals by council absurd.

DHP has not been made aware of any traffic survey in relation to council proposals in Rodney Reserve to date.

David Nathan suggested that the council should be given a deadline of March 31, 2016 to complete a detailed traffic survey.

One resident suggested funds be collected to hire a PR person to further the concerns of the Rodney Reserve Subcommittee.

Many residents mocked lackadaisical approach by council to the closure of the existing children's playground at end Liverpool Street in the reserve. The fallen fence and total disrepair of the playground was noted. Many residents felt this was a clear safety concern and were angry.

In general and after an hour of engaged discussion, every resident present at the meeting objected vehemently to the council proposals to add lighting, toilets, seating and car parking to Rodney Reserve.

### **Amalgamations –**

Email from Mayor Sally Betts was read regarding impact and rates issues for DH residents in the event of amalgamation

Peter Cappe noted that he had attended the meeting in Rose Bay and noted that almost no one spoke in favor of amalgamation during the 2 sessions. Peter said the voice of the people was not being heard.

Dov noted that the state government seen hell bent on this process and that he felt it would go through exactly as the state government desired. The meetings in Rose Bay were simple box ticking by the state government.

Ron noted that he had spoken to several hundred residents in Dover Heights and that not one was pro amalgamation.

### **Dover Heights Commercial Corner Upgrade**

Dov had been in contact with Council's Senior Landscape Architect and we are meeting with him on Feb 23 to discuss the plans. Dov had a conversation with CR Goltsman who assured him that the funding for the upgrade had been set aside and would definitely take place in this financial year. Dov promised to report more at the next meeting and via the DHP Facebook page.

### **Subcommittee Report – Parks, Reserves and Streetscape**

Noted that there were two bins next to the playground before renovations and that now after renovations there was only 1 bin. Dov and other residents Dov said bins in Dudley Page Reserve were overflowing constantly.

Motion by Ron Nothman, seconded by Dov Frazer

**MOTION – There were two bins next to the playground in Dudley Page Reserve before. Now that the playground updates have been completed the two bins have become only 1 bin. DHP requests that a second permanent bin be installed in the SW corner of the playground.**

Below motions moved by Joyce Falk and seconded by Leesa Armstrong, and passed unanimously

**Motion – DHP requests that council replace the wire fence between the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves and the cliff face that runs from Kesser Torah College to just south of the radio telescope memorial. The new fence should be made of composite materials that do not degrade next to the ocean. The fence should be placed several meters to the East of its current location to create an infinity view of the ocean similar to the area East of Dover Road. A viewing platform should be created to better highlight the Radio Telescope Memorial at the current location of the historical marker.**

**Motion – DHP AGAIN requests that all areas of the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves between Dover Road and Raleigh Street which are devoid of grass be returned as soon as possible as per previous requests and motions**

**Motion – DHL requests that the wood paling fenced areas of the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves be replaced with a new composite materials that do not degrade next to the ocean. The new fence should follow the line of the previous fence which is ½ to 1 meter to the EAST of the current fence.**

**Motion – DHP again requests that all non-native vegetation encroaching into the reserve along the boundary fences in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves be trimmed or removed.**

**Motion – DHP requests that in the future, the response from council for any motion that is passed include the name, email address and phone number of the actual person in council to whom that motion was forwarded for noting and consideration. An actual response that goes beyond forwarding that motion to some council officer would be appreciated.**

### **Subcommittee Report – Traffic & Parking**

Ron reported that he attended the Eastern Suburbs Highway Patrol headquarters and spoke to the sergeant about the ongoing issue of motor bikes speeding down Military Road on Thursday nights. He was 100% aware of the issue and claimed

that they could only pull up one bike at a time due to lack of highway patrol resources and this would only change if the NSW State Government allotted resources for this task.

### **Subcommittee Report – DA's**

Peter Cape noted that there were amendments to the DA for 157-59 Military Road, which is the same building where we hold our meetings. Dov asked if the original DA has been approved and no one thought that it had been approved to date.

### **General Business:**

Maureen Jellins – complained the requests to council to repair things are often ignored or finalized without any work being done. Maureen said that one of her emails was found by customer service in the wrong inbox. Dov said he had the same issue and told Maureen to consider using the smart phone app – Snap, Send Solve.

Richard Morris said that outside 198 Military Road, Dover Heights there is a hole in the asphalt that has been continually repaired and failed. He has written to Gabriel Upton request that Military Road be resheeted between the North Bondi Bus Terminal and Lancaster Road.

Valerie Safer said that Blair Street was an utter disgrace between Glenayr Ave and Military Road.

Motion by Valerie Safer, Seconded by Maureen Jellins, passed unanimously

### **Motion - Planting of trees on the Blair street center divide should be uniform.**

Dov suggested the residents consider signing up for the new neighborhood social media website called Nabo.com.au to connect with neighbors and find out what is going on around the area.

Dov noted next meeting of DHP was June 27, 2016

Meeting Closed 9:45 pm