

Minutes of the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on Monday 26 November 2018



Chaired by Troy S. Filson with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes.

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

Present

Councillor Angela Burrill; Councillor Elaine Keenan; Councillor Paula Masselos and 27 others were in attendance based on a head count.

Apologies

Howard Parry-Husbands; Danielle Ecuyer and Chris Matthews (arrived during the meeting).

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 27 August 2018

There were no matters arising.

Motions from this meeting will be addressed in 2019 as Council did not have enough time to process them.

Motion 1

That Council commissions its own impact study on integrated traffic management report and local amenity, a report on heritage of Centennial Park, environmental impact statement on population.

Motion 2

Ask our member Bruce Notley Smith that: he request the planning minister insist the development be consistent with the Local Environment Plan and Floor Space Ratio (which it doesn't conform to) and a decision on 194 Oxford Street within 30 days.

Motion 3

Hold an extraordinary general meeting whereby Elton Consulting is to discuss the Knowledge Innovation Hub and future uses of the Boot Factory on 6 September 2018.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Troy S. Filson and seconded by Tom Wheelwright.

Boot Factory update

Steve Rossiter and Alexandra Jobin of Elton Consulting gave a presentation on the Boot Factory to the Mill Hill Bondi Junction Precinct on 19 September 2018. They outlined how it could be repurposed as an innovation hub and solicited community feedback. Their presentation can be found at:

http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0013/166000/Boot_Factory_BJ_Precinct_presentation.pdf

Their report on the Boot Factory is due soon.

The Boot Factory is in sound condition with the only damage (water damage) having been caused by the attachment of supports which were intended to prevent the building from falling down!

“Have Your Say” website

Residents are encouraged to visit the “Have Your Say” website:

<https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/> Feedback is being sought on a number of projects including: Campbell Parade upgrade; Bronte Cutting pedestrian link project and the Waverley architectural mapping project (to name a few).

Barbara Coorey’s presentation on overdevelopment

Barbara Coorey is a co-convenor of the Save Sydney Coalition:

<https://www.facebook.com/savesydco/>.

Barbara discussed the overdevelopment that is occurring throughout Sydney. She outlined how overdevelopment is occurring within 400 metres of proposed metro stations and residential developments are taking over industrial land.

The former Canterbury Council is before ICAC due to dishonesty in regards to development proposals.

The Save Sydney Coalition has managed to have Priority Precincts stopped, now there are Planned Precincts. The Waterloo experiment involving excessive building of residential apartments is driving out lower socio-economic people.

Holdsworth Community Homeshare Pilot Programme

Carolyn Lancaster gave a presentation on Holdsworth HomeShare which matches older people who are living alone in a comfortable home with a younger person who is happy to provide companionship in return for affordable accommodation. This service is managed by a HomeShare Coordinator who is responsible for setting up the match and overseeing the relationship from start to finish.

Updates on Development Applications

DA-548/2017 [Arthur's Pizza]

Waverley Council did not reject the development application; however, the developers have deemed it to be rejected and are taking the matter to the Land and Environment Court (1 March 2019 Conciliation Conference).

DA-533/2017/1 [RSL]

The developers are trying again and still over the height limit. They have submitted another DA. Submissions are open now! The Capital Bluestone website admits that they are still not in compliance with the LEP and DCP. <https://www.bondijunctionreborn.com.au/> – Section on “Development height” and their blatant disregard for the permissible height limit with nothing in return.

Updates on Licencing issues

With regards to The Grand Hotel (Cock 'N' Bull), the Iris Group has not shared plans with us but have asked for multiple licencing conditions to be removed. An increase in opening hours and a reduction in security officers are a couple of variations. As a precinct, our view is that we cannot agree to such amendments to the licence until official plans are lodged with Council.

The Community that surrounds the Grand Hotel site has historically experienced adverse effects such as noise late at night and unruly patrons, so we feel a level of precaution is needed to keep the area peaceful when the development is complete.

Q&A and Other Business

Bondi Residents Action Group is still fighting the development at 59-75 Grafton Street Bondi Junction. We run the risk of commercial buildings being replaced by larger residential towers at this location and along the rest of Grafton Street.

Cyclists are at risk of injury due to car doors being opened in their path. At York Road (south of Birrell St) there is a small centre island to protect people crossing the road, this is not large enough to accommodate cyclists safely.

The Bondi Junction cycleway has only secured half of its funding so far. Construction is likely to start in Spring Street in April 2019 and continue into other areas once more funding is available.

362 Oxford Street is a forthcoming development which we will have to keep an eye on.

194 to 214 Oxford Street and 2 Nelson Street Bondi Junction Planning proposal [The Twin Towers] is currently not progressing, however we should keep an eye on it. On 9 November 2018 Waverley Council met with the Independent Planning Commission. A transcript of this meeting can be read at: <https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2018/11/194-to-214-oxford-street-and-2-nelson-street-bondi-junction-planning-proposal>

The Bondi Junction Markets and Rosco Street Markets are cutting out single use plastic bags as part of their sustainable practices.

Bring Back Buses started up to resurrect the 378, however recently other bus services have been lost, truncated or rerouted to the detriment of our community. Various services (including 380) now funnel their passengers into the already overcrowded train station at Bondi Junction.

Trenches have been dug for the NBN in various locations and have not been re-covered properly.

The removal of Eastgate Carpark's \$1.00 fee is imminent.

A trial of one exit lane from Eastgate's carpark is underway. The preference is to close that exit completely in order to enhance the safety of pedestrians on the footpath.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 6 February 2019.