

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of

DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT

Monday 3rd March 2014

At Magnolia Healing Centre Old South Head Rd, Rose Bay – 7:45PM

Apologies: Mayor Betts, Jack Jellins, Maureen Jellins

Attendance: Crs Guttman Jones and Goltsman and as attendace sheet.

John Lewis: Convenor and Meeting Chairman

Michael Lewis: Secretary

Meeting commenced at 7:45PM

Minutes Mon 11th Nov 2013

Arising from the Minutes

Dogs Off Leash in Dover Heights

JL: Ongoing issue – unsatisfactory for all parties.

Presented an email from Jack and Maureen Jellins where he pointed out that none of the actions promised for Feb have occurred. Read attached email.

Dov Frazer: Was unable to go to meeting with Jack and Council Officers. Understood that some barrier and notification were to be erected – not yet done.

JL: They – locals want input into design etc.

Councillors have been monitoring the situation – looking for a compromise between all parties.

JL: Asked councillors to keep on top of the issues. Needs a “pool type” fence.

Rate Increases

Peter Cappe: Unconvinced that the “surcharge” is warranted. Why are we paying such exploitative rates?

JL: All Dover Heights residents – houses – are paying the much higher rate – than minimum rate. Very high % of Waverley are “minimum rates” properties.

NYE: Issues: One resident’s view was blocked by jumping castle – otherwise all OK

Ron Nothman: In planning for next year, it will be placed so as to not block views. Sydney water objects to its placement in front of Pump House = but this is strongest part of the reservoir.

DF: Posted closing times were not adhered to but were later “adjusted” to suit the numbers of people.

Minutes Accepted Df and VS

Civic Pride Coordinator – Colleen Nisbet – Gardens outside Tre Panni at Blake St intersection.

Both “community” and council have a role in local surroundings – “civic pride”. There were 10-15 local volunteers on the day who joined the councillors and 3 council workmen. Good feedback – received both compliments and offers to volunteer from residents. Stage 2 at Blake St is the erection of a bike rack – this month – flyer will be produced. Dov has donated some flower boxes which been planted by council and will be looked after by the shop owner. Other possibilities here and at other locations.

At Blake St approx. \$2000 was spent on plants and council labour – not capital works – facilitates community action. Other groups, e.g. Cox Ave- Lamrock Ave – landscaping to stop dumping and also make use of area. Next meeting, Council Officers will return information concerning Blair St future.

RN: Future planter boxes should be attached to pavement with stainless steel bolts – stops theft and vandalism.

Valerie Saffer: What is happening in Blair St? – Half done for a long time. Mostly developed near 7 Ways but “patchy” for rest. Looks wild and shocking.

RN: The previous planting was of unsuitable plants which were not maintained properly.

Public Garden Policy and Street Garden Guidelines documents were presented.

Businesses at Murrivier Rd want to put on a local “Organic Food Fair”
Council helps groups – to set up gardens etc

Council response to November 2013 motion – concerning parking on eastern side of Military Rd, between Wentworth St and Hugh Bamford Stairs.

Meeting was not happy with extremely “negative” – “lazy” response.

RN: No need to move any water gratings etc.

JL: Does not need any construction. Cr Guttman-Jones – scheme was allowed in Onslow Place.

Motion: In the interests of public safety Dover Heights Precinct RE-AFFIRMS the previous Motion and requests Council to letterbox affected residents. Proposed JL, Seconded ML Carried

PC: Why weren't the bollards in Military Road carried on further towards North Bondi – only commercial vehicles and boats are parked there?

Sub Committees

DF: Met Mat McGovern at Rodney Reserve. Approached Cadigal Place w.r.t. meeting room.

Motion:

1. Add to Capital Budget – Blair St and Military Rd –gutters etc
2. CCTV Camera on Pump House to help stop graffiti
3. Broken stormwater pipes – bogs in Rodney Reserve.
4. Plan of management for Weonga, Rodney etc

DF, VS Carried

General Business:

ML: **Odours from Bondi STP – more frequent**

Peter Cappe: Has been raising with Council the **over growth of Council trees** which are obstructing views – all was negotiated when the Dover Heights bowling club site was sold.

Meeting Finished 9:25PM

Next Meetings:

26th May

25th August

Appendix 1: Note from Jack and Maureen Jellins

Apologies from Maureen and myself for not attending tonight.

We have a prior commitment which could not be changed.

We are still waiting for action by Council regarding the dog issues with Raleigh and Rodney Reserves. Maree Girdler from the Recreation and Community Planning department met with us at the end of January to discuss Council's decision to erect a fence at the entrance of the Lola Road end of Raleigh Reserve.

Maree Girdler promised that some design options would be provided before the end February, and so far there has been no further contact.

We still fail to understand why Council has allocated the two Reserves for 24 hour dog use on an unleashed basis. The area of the two reserves is more than 54,000 square metres, and their use for human enjoyment has been totally ignored.

We notice that in the past week there has been another significant increase in dog numbers.

Attached is a copy of the dog sign which Woollahra Council displays at one part of the Coastal Cliff walk in Vacluse, and that shows the fact dogs need to be leashed at specific times.

Could you please include the content of this e-mail in the minutes of the Precinct meeting.

Many thanks, and regards.

Jack Jellins.

Appendix 2: Motions raised above in full

Motion 1

DHP asks that council create a plan of management for the Weonga Road, Rodney and Raleigh Reserves which are in fact a single contiguous coastal reserve. DHP recognizes that there are a number of issues that that require attention in this reserve which include the poor condition of the fencing between the reserve and the cliff, the slow and steady encroachment of this fence into the reserve which has significantly decreased the size of the reserve time, issues with how best to maintain the balance between dogs being walking in the reserve and the residents who live along the reserve, parking issues along the street that border the reserve and maintaining the physical assets of the reserve such as benches, bins, water fountain, goal posts, turf and the Radio Telescope Memorial.

DHP asks that council form a working group in conjunction with the precinct so that a draft plan of management can be created in the next 6 months

Motion 2

DHP asks that council add to the capital works budget the refurbishment of the footpaths and gutters at the Dover Heights commercial corner at Blake Streets and Military Road. **DHP would like to point out to council that the capital works devoted to our suburb that are extremely small in comparison to the rates that Dover Heights contributes to the annual budget.**

Motion 3

DHP requests that council repair the broken storm water pipes that are have created bogs in three areas in Rodney and Raleigh Reserves. If council officers are unable to locate these areas please contact Dov Frazer on 04024500 or Matt McGovern on 0420857100

1. in front of 15 Rodney Street just below Rodney Street
2. in front of 15 Lyons Street next to the wood fence
3. next to the tennis court at 14 Lowe Howe Street

Motion 4

DHP requests that council work with Sydney water to install a camera on the yellow building in Dudley page Reserve to both discourage continual grafitting of this building and to hopefully catch the perpetrators of this endless vandalism.
