

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on 24 November 2010

Chaired by Peter Lynch with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes

The meeting was opened at 6.30 pm by the Chairman and apologies were accepted from Ilana Cohen, Mayor Sally Betts, Don Slattery, Kerry Moses & Enid Hokin

All current correspondence & notifications are available at the rear of the room.

Matters arising from the last meeting on 18 August 2010

Mr Frank Cahill said that at the Precinct meeting held on 18 August 2010, he raised three issues arising from the minutes of the previous Precinct meeting (19 May 2010). Those items were:

- I. His name and residential address were recorded in the minutes of the 19 May 10 meeting which were published on Waverley Council's website. He said he was the only resident mentioned in the minutes to have his residential address recorded and publicly available to anyone reading the minutes on the website. He said that there needed to be consistency in the manner in which residents details are recorded in Precinct minutes, expressing a personal opinion that a resident's address should not be published in the minutes.

Despite the Chairman saying the 19 May minutes available on Council's website were draft minutes and giving an undertaking that his residential address would be removed from the minutes (this is recorded in the 18 August 2010 minutes), his residential address is still recorded in the publicly available minutes.

- II. The record under General Business 19 May 2010 relating to the Family Day Care is inaccurate in an important respect. The minutes imply that Mr Cahill said "A separate DA is to be lodged for the construction of a new building in the immediate future. On May 17, Council arranged a community information session".

Mr Cahill says he did not say that and does not recall words to that effect being said at all, as he would have commented if such comment had been made. He was strongly of the opinion that the only discussion about the Family Day Care site directly related to the two motions which were carried – one about demolition of the building and the other about the addition of the site to Clementson Park, consistent with the reasons for purchasing the site. There was no other discussion of the Family Day Care.

The sentence quoted above should be removed from the 19 May 2010 minutes as it presents an inaccurate record of the meeting.

- III. Mr Cahill asked if Precinct Policy had been followed in the election the Executive at the 19 May 2010 Meeting, namely, whether those absent who were standing for election had been nominated and had accepted the nomination in writing. He also asked whether an Executive meeting had been held between 19 May and 18 August 2010 to elect the office bearers – the Chairman confirmed that such a meeting had not occurred.

Moved by Andrea Baker that the revised minutes be accepted. Seconded by Carlo Digiulio

Address by Waverley Council's George Bramis, Divisional Manager, Strategic Planning "The future of the Western area of Bondi Junction"

George spoke about the heritage areas of Western Bondi Junction and discussed land use and building heights.

Greening the area was discussed. There was a suggestion from the floor that new buildings be designed to incorporate a "green roof" [a roof that is partially or completely covered with vegetation, planted over a waterproof membrane]

Bike lanes will be created around Bondi Junction to separate bikes from cars and pedestrians. One will be created along Spring Street to remove bikes from the Oxford Street footpath, thus removing a hazard for pedestrians.

Traffic reduction is occurring. A reduction in parking spaces in new developments is designed to encourage usage of public transport, bikes or walking and a reduction in car ownership.

Reports

- Paul Pearce.
- Streetcorner. Planning alerts, the free service by the charity OpenFoundation Australia are now available for Waverley Council DAs so everyone can get alerts about DAs in Waverley sent direct to their inbox. Planning alerts “scrape” the data direct from the Waverley Council website so you get notifications as soon as Waverly puts a DA notification on its website. You can subscribe to alerts at: <http://www.planningalerts.org.au> or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/24qg99y> for more information.
- Mr & Mrs Foley. Solar panels have recently been installed on the roof of the Tiffany apartment block above the railway station. Intense light is being reflected from these panels into the Foley’s unit in Spring Street. Letters have been sent to Council and to the local member.
- Safe Summer presentation (Beaches).

General Business

Frank Cahill would like the Precinct’s AGM to be held during the first meeting of each year. February rather than May. Council’s Precinct Policy would need to be altered as it currently requires AGMs to be held between the beginning of April and the end of May each year. [This was also submitted as a motion]

Contact Council about street markings on the corner of Waverley & Hollywood. DONE

Contact Council about Waverley Place alcohol enforcement. DONE

Contact Council about enforcing parking restrictions on the corner of Birrell & Ruthven. DONE

“89” has been spray painted on the footpath in yellow. This graffiti directs patrons towards the Grand Hotel.

Coles shopping trolleys have repeatedly been found in Dennison Street.

Motions

Andrea Baker submitted the following motion:

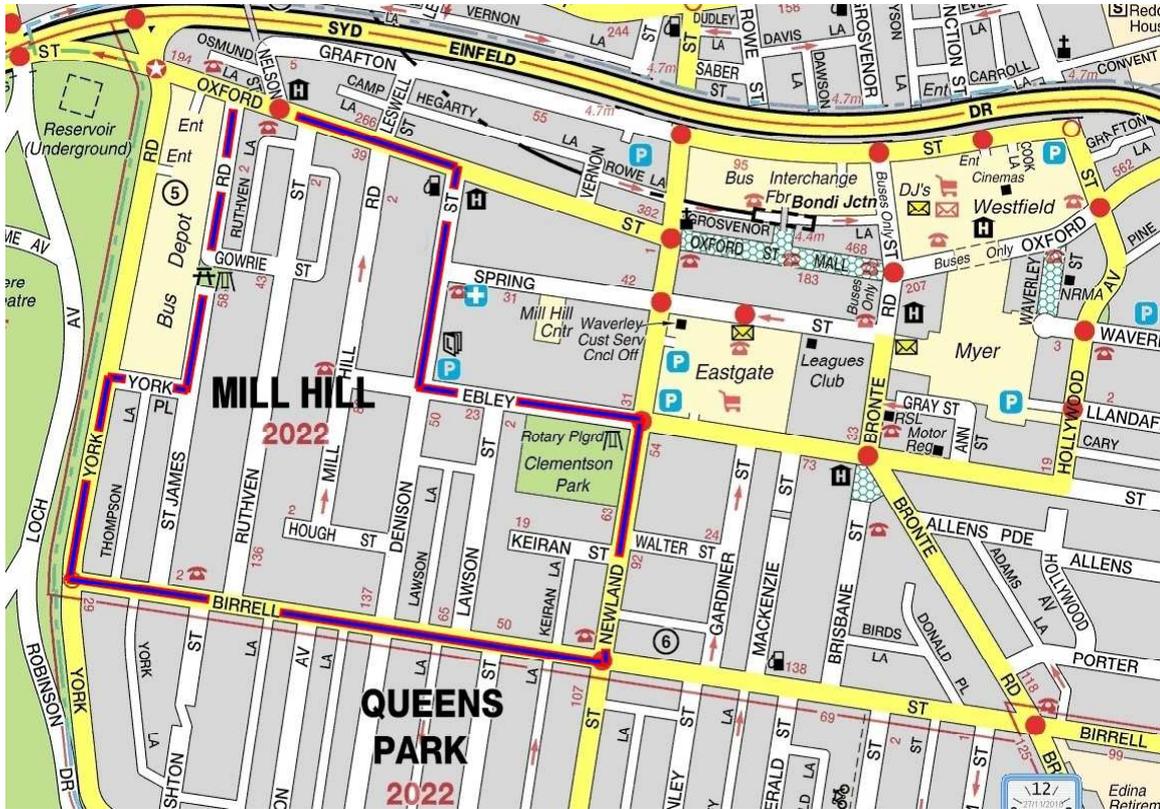
That speakers from Council speak for no more than thirty minutes (unless the address is on multiple matters relevant to the Precinct) as the Precinct does not always have enough time to address other matters of importance in a timely manner.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Lynch and carried

Stephen B. Cohen submitted the following motion:

That the official suburb name of the area that includes most of the western heritage residential section of BONDJ JUNCTION to be renamed MILL HILL.

The proposed area of Mill Hill would be bounded by Oxford Street; York Road, Birrell Street & Newland Street. The Newland Street border could be extended eastwards towards Bronte Road [ie, the whole Mill Hill conservation area] (but would not include the commercial area bounded by Oxford Street, Denison Street, Ebley Street & Newland Street) See map.



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 motion was seconded by Paula Gallagher

Frank Cahill submitted the following motion:

That the Precinct's AGM is to be held during the first meeting of each year. February rather than May. 16 February 2011 is the proposed date for the next AGM

The motion was seconded by Gill Morris

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 February 2011.

The following meetings will be held on Wednesday 18 May 2011 (AGM); Wednesday 17 August 2011 & Wednesday 23 November 2011.