

DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT

Minutes of meeting held Monday 19 August at the Magnolia Healing Centre, Rose Bay at 7:30pm

ATTENDANCE: Cr Betts, Cr Guttman- Jones, Cr Goltsman, and as per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Val Saffer, Robert Sassoon, Michael Lewis
CONVENOR and MINUTES: John Lewis

Because minutes from meeting held May 13 not available, and Michael Lewis (Secretary) was absent, and John Lewis (JL) was not at the meeting, it was to follow agenda addressing main issues:

DOGS OFF LEASH IN DOVER HEIGHTS:

Following the last precinct meeting in May, a meeting was held with Cathy Henderson, Director of Community Services of Council to discuss dogs off leash at Rodney Reserve. A number of options were formulated. Residents were letterboxed and a survey taken. There was some criticism of the way results were collected online. The results will form a part of a report to be presented to Council in September.

Discussion followed re: such issues as policing the release of dogs from cars in Lola Road before entry to "off leash area park" possible gates, or shrub barriers, the Council officers difficulty policing the footpath area. There was discussions also of professional dog walkers, and whether people who let dogs go "off leash" were as meticulous" as on leash dog walkers of clearing up after their dogs. Cr Betts said that despite the large number of signatories to the petition presented to Council she had great sympathy for the local residents whose lives had become a nightmare because of a problem. Dov Fraser led discussion re: use of extra land behind fence in Rodney Reserve as off leash area. Jack Jellins presented a report (attached) regarding option 1.

RATE INCREASES IN WAVERLEY COUNCIL:

Peter Cappe introduced discussion about large rate increases. Cr Betts explained differences between rating Systems in Woollahra and Waverley, and said that as part of amalgamations program, Woollahra, Waverley and Randwick were discussing various rate options. Inequity between holders of large properties in Dover Heights, Bronte and Tamarama verse unit owners, some of which were multimillion dollar units, but had low ucv, due to large no. of units on small site.

"NO CAMPERVANS SIGN" IN LOOMBAH ROAD:

Motion 1 J .Lewis. Seconded F. Fraser, " That Council erect a " No campervans Overnight" sign to the stanchion bearing " No Standing" sign at eastern end of Loombah Rd (In front of no 2 Loombah Rd.) carried.

CITY2SURF NOISE PROBLEMS:

Discussion regarding two noise pollutions issues, firstly the noisy video screen display at Blake & Military Rd, which was so loud that it drove the customers out of the coffee shop and annoyed residents in the nearby home units all day, and secondly

the apparently unauthorised broadcasting unit at intersection Kirparra and Military, whose noise was disturbing to residents in their homes over 100 metres away. Council to investigate. It was suggested that plans for variation from the traditional race regime be submitted to DH Precinct for comments in advance, next year.

PARKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Dov Fraser moved three motions (attached) seconded Ron Nothman all approved by precinct:

1. Council formulate plan to relocate a new more durable fence to Rodney Reserve, which would enlarge useable area of park (see details.)
2. Council send its tree planting expert to next precinct meeting to explain why it has not followed guidelines for street trees, as suggested by D. H . precinct.
3. Motion re: noisy video screen and radio broadcasts at city to surf.

TENNIS COACHING BUSINESS:

Resident 1 asked Council to investigate commercial tennis coaching business conducted from private tennis court, accessed through park in Dover Heights. Cr Betts to investigate.

Meeting closed 9:50pm

The next meeting on 12th November.

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MOTION 2

A great number of new trees have been planted in Dover heights both since the original motion in November 2012 and since Council's response delivered in February of 2013. None of these newly planted trees are the species we requested to be planted. DHP requests that the person in charge of verge tree planting in DH attend the next precinct meeting to document exactly how many trees were planted in the verges of Dover Heights since November of 2012, exactly what species of trees have been planted since that date and why our reasonable request has been ignored.

See below for original motion and Council's response:

[Motions from November 2012 Dover Heights precinct meeting](#)

Motions 1

DHP requests that all trees that are planted in Dover Heights by Council be either by Bulli Beauty where view are a potential issue or the New Zealand Christmas Bush where views are not an issue. Both trees are proven to grow well in our area and both treed attract birds with their red flowers. This request assumes that the birds that are attracted to these two species do not damage property.

Response from Council

Motion was forwarded to the Divisional Manager, Parks & Open Space Operations, to the Strategic Tree Officer, the Open Space Planner Manager, the Tree Operations Supervisor and to the Senior Landscape Architect for noting and future reference.

Motion 3

DHP believed that the fence at Rodney Reserve between the soccer field and the cliff is nearing the end of its useful life. DHP would also like to note that the entire reserve from Weonga Road to Raleigh Street has been slowly getting smaller and smaller. Each new fence the Council has installed in the reserve has moved about 1/2 a meter further away from the cliff from the previous fence. As there have been two to three fences installed since the reserve was first fenced many years ago, the size of the reserve has decreased by 1 to 1 & 1/2 meters along a 775 (approx.) fence span which equates into a 775 to 1163 square meters total decrease in reserve size. DHP requests that Council make a draft plan to move the eventual replacement fence in the area between the playing field and the cliff back towards the cliff so that some of the park can be reclaimed and so that the views of the ocean can be clear and uninterrupted as they are in the area just south of the Radio Telescope Memorial where the fencing has been moved below the horizon and the views become clear. DHP requests that the new fencing be 1.5 metres high H4 Treated Pine with a UV stabilized coating which will be more attractive than the current metal and have a much longer life. Also to include a potential dog walking area in the newly increased area of the reserve between the fences.

Motion 4

During the recent City to Surf race a large video screen with speakers was installed in front at Blake Street and Military Road at 151 to 155 Military Road, Dover Heights. The speakers were pointing towards the cafe across the street and were so loud that customers had to vacate the premises. The speaker volume also caused the residents in the apartments at 151 to 155 Military Road great distress. The speakers were unmanned and the volume could not be altered.

DHP requests that these speakers be removed during City to Surf events and that any equipment, such as video screens, speakers, live music, or other events that may happen during future City to Surf races in DHP be approved and vetted by Council well before the event and that council be provided an event liaison to deal with any issues that may occur the day of the race.

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