

Minutes of Dover Heights Precinct Meeting

22 May 2017

O2 Gym, 157 Military Road, Dover Height

Meeting commenced at 8:00 and ended at 9:20 pm

Present:

Convenor Dov Frazer

Councillor Sally Betts; Councillor Leon Goltsman

Apologies:

Councillor Miriam Guttman-Jones; Ron Nothman

Attendance List:

See Separate Attendance List

Minutes of previous meeting:

Moved: Grant Benson Seconded: Roslin Falk Frazer

Approved unanimously

A. Annual AGM – Chaired by Sally Betts

Dov Frazer nominated for Convenor by Grant Benson; Seconded Roslin Falk Frazer, Approved by all

Ron Nothman nominated for secretary by Grant Benson; Seconded Roslin Falk Frazer Approved by all

DA Rep – position deferred to next meeting

A. Responses from Council to Motions from Feb DHP Meeting

- Tree Planting on Military Road
- Tree Removal & Planting at 2 Loombah Road

A. Subcommittee report on Rodney Reserve

Grant Benson reported on meeting between Executive Manager – Scott Field; Rachel Jenkin Acting Director – Waverley Life; Councillor Betts; Michael Gottlieb, Grant Benson and Mark Cogan. The following are highlights from the meeting:

At the meeting and conversations afterwards it was agreed to do the following this year:

- Upgrade to the grass playing field;

- Underground irrigation to ensure the health of the field;
- Small amounts of log seating into the embankment;

Council understands and acknowledges the reasonable concerns of the subcommittee in particular to the potential development.

Council has agreed to seek concrete assurances that if any development is required it could NOT be expanded at a future date to include any lighting or "AstroTurf".

The sub committee agreed that when these assurances are in place, to a satisfactory level, we would consider suitable structures being built on the reserve. It was agreed that it WAS possible to find a solution that suits all parties if the lighting and AstroTurf was "off the table".

It was agreed to continue to look into funds and improve the Radio telescope heritage

It was agree to see how the upgrades go this year and assessing the situation next year in a positive manner when all the reports council has imitated and are currently underway are completed

During the precinct meeting:

- Councillor Betts said irrigation could be installed in October;
- Councillor Betts said there will be no playground, no lights and no toilet block; and
- Councillor Betts will follow-up with the NSW Department of Crown Lands in an attempt to make restrictions on use of the Reserve without a formal plan of management.

B. Report on Blake Street & Military Road Upgrades

- The upgrade will go to tender by mid-June for work to start in mid-July;
- All driveways at edges of project to be included as well as driveway for new project at SE corner;
- Pavers extended to end of building at 161-167 Military along Blake Street;
- Dover Heights Forest at 220 Military Road – trees remain and ground cover planting as required;
- Storm water gutters taking a large part of the budget which is now about \$850,000; and
- Standard wood on benches but possible paver upgrade depending on technical manual updates.

C. Cliff Fence Upgrades

Dov had meeting with Councillor Betts, Executive Manager – Safe Waverley, Acting Director Waverley Renewal about cliff fencing options.

- Dover Heights Precinct is keen for composite wood to be used with no metal or wood due to harsh coastal climate and past failure of all wood and metal fencing.
- Council is working on trialing 3 designs – composite option, wood and mesh option and

- one other option;
- Trial to be done either in Hugh Bamford or Clarke Reserve; and
- Installation expected to take place in August 2017.

MOTION – *Moved: Roslin Falk Frazer; Seconded: Grant Benson* *Approved by all*

DHP Requests:

- The fence line in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserve to be moved back to the line of the original fence which was 500 cm to 1 meter closer to the cliff;
- All vestiges of previous fences should be removed including concrete footing, metal poles and wood;
- The fence near the playing field should be placed closer to the cliff to create unobstructed views. This would duplicate the lower fence placement which is currently at the south end of the playing fields which extends to Dover Road;
- Council attempt to procure funding for a viewing platform at the site of the current Radio Telescope memorial to better view the replica antennae and the ocean horizon; and
- Council remove all nonnative trees and shrubs along the fence which have grown around and through the current fencing.

D. Subcommittee Reports:

Parks, Reserves & Streetscape

- Dov attended Sydney Water meeting at Water Treatment Plant – massive upgrades to the plant ongoing and few complaints about smell
- Photos of Hugh Bamford in 1960s and 1970 s – proves Ron Nothman assertion that a full size pitch existed in the past
- Sydney Water wants to upgrade embankment on south end of Hugh Bamford – Council wants minimal impact on fields – unclear exactly what will be done
- Sewage Outfalls – Reports ongoing but any action will take many years

E. General Business

Council Amalgamations – Report from Councillor Betts, Mayor of Waverley

- High Court of Australia has granted Woollahra the right of appeal amalgamation with Waverley and Randwick;
- If Woollahra win their case then Waverley stays alone;
- Randwick moved to get legal advice and will start the process of taking legal action against the NSW State Government;
- If Woollahra wins then Waverley, Randwick and Woollahra remain independent for now;
- Elections on 9 September unless amalgamation happens before; and
- If Woollahra loses after the election then amalgamation will happen.