

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting (AGM) held at Waverley Library on 15 May 2013

Chaired by Peter Lynch with Stephen B. Cohen taking minutes

The meeting opened at 6.30 pm

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

Present

Mayor Sally Betts; Councillor Angela Burrill; Councillor Andrew Cusack; Councillor Paula Masselos; General Manager Tony Reed and 50 residents were present, as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Gayle Walker

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 20 February 2013

Responses to motions tabled at the November 2012 meeting:

MOTION 1 – Eastern Hotel DA-378/2007

The Bondi Junction Precinct requests that Council:

- 1. Notes the strong opposition of the precinct to the continuation of extended trading hours to allow the Eastern Hotel, Westfield Shopping Centre, to trade between 3 am and 5 am Monday to Saturday on a permanent basis as sought in DA-378/2007*
- 2. Vigorously opposes this DA before the Land and Environment Court which the precinct understands is the consent authority in this matter*
- 3. Opposes the grant to the Eastern Hotel of any further extension of trading hours on a trial basis beyond 3 am Monday to Saturday.*

Response: Motion was forwarded to Records, to the Divisional Manager, Development Assessment, to the Assessing Officer and to the Special Projects Coordinator for noting and consideration.

MOTION 2

We are opposed to late night entertainment and would like to see 1 am closing for entertainment venues including hotels and nightclubs.

Response: Motion was forwarded to Records, to the Divisional Manager, Development Assessment and to the Special Projects Coordinator for noting and consideration.

Moved and carried by Peter Lynch

Tony Reed, General Manager speaking on the Boot Factory

Information on the Boot Factory can be viewed here:

http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building_and_development/boot_factory

Tony Reed addressed the meeting and presented historical information on the Boot Factory along with current information on the DA that Council is submitting to demolish the building which is currently in an unsafe condition.

The Boot Factory was constructed in 1892 and is the last building of this type still in existence in our area. It was acquired by Council in 1984 and in 1988 restoration work was carried out as part of a Bicentennial grant.

In 1995 \$200,000 was spent on structural repairs.

In 2008 the building was deemed to be in an unsafe condition and temporary safety works were installed, however by 2010 access was restricted.

A structural assessment was carried out in April 2013 and as a result of that assessment, Council at its 16 April 2013 meeting adopted an officer recommendation "that council approves commencement of the process for urgent demolition of the Boot Factory Building located at 27-29 Spring Street, Bondi Junction".

As part of the DA process Council has to provide sufficient evidence on the need to demolish the building in order to have the DA approved. The assessment process will include the services of a Heritage Planner. It will include a detailed Heritage assessment, an Environmental impact statement and an SEPP55 Remediation Report (contamination from past use of the site).

The DA process will take around six weeks and will be carried out by an independent consulting planner on behalf of the Council

Tony Reed has authorised emergency works to be undertaken to structurally brace the Boot Factory at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Nick Hollo from the Historic Houses Trust recommended that an engineer with expertise in Heritage buildings be appointed to prepare a report on the Boot Factory.

The issue of Council wanting to use the site of the Boot Factory for a new Administration building was raised, however it was stated that Council currently has no plans for any developments in the Bondi Junction area.

AGM

Tony Reed took the chair and explained the workings of Precinct Committees along with Council support of Precincts.

Precincts receive special treatment from Council and are given more access to information than the general public receive, including DAs relating to their area and Traffic reports.

Tony Reed acted as Returning Officer for the election of the Precinct Committee.

Nominations were called for various committee positions:

Convener: Frank Cahill nominated Marcella McAdam and Joseph Kasses nominated Peter Lynch. Voting was undertaken due to there being two nominees. Marcella received 18 votes and Peter received 22 votes.

The following committee members were elected unopposed:

Secretary: Peter Lynch nominated Stephen B. Cohen.

DA Rep: Peter Lynch nominated Joseph Kasses.

Traffic Rep: Peter Lynch nominated Tony Moses.

Alcohol Rep: Peter Lynch nominated Danielle Ecuyer.

General business

Mayor Sally Betts answered questions on developments in the Mill Hill area by stating that there is no proposal before Council to change the height of the library and that people spreading the rumour have been misinformed.

Motions

A motion was submitted by Gil Morris regarding DA 127-2013:

I move a motion that the Bondi Junction Precinct Committee opposes the development at 45, 47-49 and 53-57 Oxford Street, 2 Mill Hill Road and 9-11 Denison Street Bondi Junction, both for it's bulk and the nature of the development.

The motion was carried.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 14 August 2013