

**Minutes of Bondi Beach Precinct Meeting (a Combined Meeting with Bondi Precinct)
23 June 2014: 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Waverley Council Chambers**

Meeting opened at 1910

Chairpersons: Lenore Kulakauskas & Gabrielle Tobias

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome: We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, and specifically the Kadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and acknowledge the Aboriginal Elders both past and present.

Apologies: Cr Wakefield, Cr Wy Kanak, Alex Pappas, Maria Gerakiteys

2. Guest Speaker: Arthur Kyron General Manager Waverley Council

The new GM advised that there has been a reshuffle of Council with the previous 4 departments now combined into 3. 25 staff have also been let go.

He gave the following analogy to demonstrate his new concept:

At a demonstration a presenter took a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

http://www.appleseeds.org/Big-Rocks_Covey.htm (BBP website reference)

The three new departments are outcomes based and are:

1. Waverley Life
2. Waverley Renewal (incl infrastructure)
3. Waverley Futures.

The GM wishes to unclutter, deliver programmes more easily, take care of assets, revitalize the area and encourage a healthy community. Arthur specifically mentioned Bondi Beach as being of international significance, and advised he was happy to talk to the community via coffee chats etc. He emphasised the importance of interaction with the community.

The GM advised that he was happy to hear from residents. His contact details are:

Ph 9369 8056 email gm@waverley.nsw.gov.au

3. Light Rail postscript: Peter Monks Director Planning and Environment

Peter Monks unable to attend – he will attend a later meeting

4. Minutes of previous meeting: BBP/BP

Proposed that minutes be accepted

Proposed: Hugh Norton Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

5. Business arising BBP/BP

As the Secretary voted in at the BBP AGM lives out of the area, Anthony Marich has agreed to fill this role. Welcome Anthony.

The Art Deco project is gathering steam. BBP has decided to set up a Sub Committee for this and asked Hugh Norton to Chair. Hugh accepted.

6. Wellington St Tennis Courts update

Refer Bondi Precinct minutes

7. NYE update

Cr Clayton referred to notes dated 11/12/13. Authorised officers attended and recommendations were made to council. LK asked when the DA for 2014/5 would be lodged in view of the fact that the WDAP asked for it to be in by 1 June 2014. Cr Clayton said it would be in this week.

8. Removal of significant street trees

MOTION 1:

That Council provide clarification of its Tree Management Policy with regard to:

- 1) Liability for tree removal when a tree on private land is declared dangerous – both for DA and no DA situation, and where owner refuses to remove tree
- 2) Notification of nearby residents when an application to remove a significant tree on private land is made
- 3) Frequency of Council assessment of trees on public land (streets and parks) to see if they pose imminent danger
- 4) Notification of nearby residents when removal of a significant tree on public land is being considered

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas Seconded: Ray Johnson

Passed unanimously

9. Off-street parking in congested parking areas

MOTION 2:

Several properties including numbers 32 and 36 Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd were previously refused approval for off street parking (36 STMR - 3 times and 32 STMR - twice). In a recent decision Council recommended approval for off street parking for 32 STMR. Could Council

please explain why they recommended approval? Is this a change of policy for council? Is there a separate policy for streets in heavily congested traffic areas?

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas Seconded: Hugh Norton

Passed unanimously

MOTION 3:

Urge council to resist residents pressure to provide hard stand parking and or garages at expense of public parking spaces.

Proposed Paul Paech: Seconded: Lenore Kaulakauskas

Motion for both Bondi Beach and Bondi West. Votes 5 for 2 against.

10. Alcohol Issues: Bondi Courthouse Bar & Grill; Bar 34 (34' South)

BCB&G still in the process of being taken to court

Bar 34: This is currently being investigated.

Questions relating to alcohol related issues and loud music throughout summer season to be taken to the Liquor Working Group Meeting proposed for July 8, as well as the following:

It is noted that Rangers finish at 6pm throughout winter season – this will also be raised. There are only 2 licensing police for all of Waverley and one of them is often on other duties. Rangers therefore need to be more involved. Rangers ask people to quieten down but obviously can't enforce this if they aren't on duty.

11. Art Deco update

Hugh advised that a meeting was held recently with the Heritage Officer Fleur Mellor and a workshop is being organised for July 2014.

12. DA issues

DA approval for ANZ bank building on Hall St to be 5 stories. Developer applied for 6 but was approved for 5. The building heights continually creep up. Cr Clayton said council's decision is based on merits of individual cases.

It was determined that a sub-committee be set up in regard to Hall St's future. A strategic plan for Hall St is a possible way forward. It should be ensured that the message sent is based on 'what do residents want?'

13. General Business

- (i) Bondi Pavilion Plan of Management update POM evidently back from State Govt – LK to find out date it will be put out for public comment
- (ii) Community objections have been raised to the parking sign in the middle of the Lamrock, Campbell Pde roundabout.

Advice received from Cr Cusack that this will be removed.

Meeting closed at 2050.

Anthony Marich: Secretary

Lenore Kulakauskas: Convenor