

Minutes of the Bondi Junction Precinct Meeting held at Waverley Library on 21 November 2012

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 Paula Masselos; 14 residents and 4 Council staff were present, as per the attendance sheets.

Apologies

Tony and Kerry Moses; Jennifer Lynch; Councillor Andrew Cusack; Kerry and Julian Chow

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting on 15 August 2012

No matters arising.

Moved by Danielle Ecuyer and seconded by Gayle Walker

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 16 May 2012

No matters arising.

Moved by Gayle Walker and seconded by Danielle Ecuyer

Maree Girdler, Divisional Manager - Recreation Community Planning & Partnerships Waverley Council, presenting on Bondi Beach and Park

Waverley Council is updating the Bondi Beach, Park and Pavilion Plan of Management. The plan is a strategic document that describes a vision for the future management of the park, beach and pavilion over the next ten years.

Key interest groups and Precincts are being consulted. A survey is currently underway to obtain feedback from the public. Over 700 responses have been received so far. This is the best response to a Council survey. The survey will remain open till mid December 2012.

Mavor's address

Mayor Sally Betts discussed the Bondi Junction Complete Streets Project. The aim of the Complete Streets Project is to improve the quality of the public domain and better integrate alternative transport modes for the Bondi Junction Town Centre. There has been one meeting so far with various stakeholders, however more meetings are planned.

The proposed changes to Bondi Junction Railway Station in order to improve access and safety for commuters which would allow direct access from Oxford Street Mall to the station via a reopened doorway is on hold pending legal advice due to Meriton preferring commuters to pass through their building.

General business

The Precinct has lodged a submission opposing a three story development on the corner of Ebley and Lawson Streets. This development would set a precedent as existing residential buildings in the area are one and two stories

in height.

Another submission has been lodged by the Precinct opposing the redevelopment of 253 Oxford Street. The proposed building comes in at 59 and a half metres, which is half a metre below the height limit, however the building will have a negative impact on surrounding buildings.

Danielle Ecuyer informed the Precinct that The Eastern has applied for a permanent extension of their trading hours. Their current trial of 5 am closing instead of 3 am is ending. There have been problems with noise, music, and violence, however there has been some improvement recently. The community does not support 5 am closing and would prefer a rollback to 2 am.

It was suggested that a motion be put to Council to act on our behalf at the Land and Environment Court.

Frank Cahill submitted a motion:

MOTION – 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.

The motion was seconded by Danielle Ecuyer and carried

Gil Morris also submitted a motion:

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

The motion was seconded by Gayle Walker and carried

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Waverley Library at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 20 February 2013