

MINUTES BONDI BEACH PRECINCT

MONDAY 6 March 2017, 7:00-9:00 PM, MUSIC STUDIO 2, BONDI PAVILION

Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

Meeting Opened 7:06 pm

1. Welcome and apologies

We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, the First Peoples, and are proud to live in a country with the oldest living culture in the world. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past, present and future. We recognise that we meet on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

Apologies: Mayor Sally Betts, Cr Dominic Wy Kanak, Richard McPhillamy, Gabi Tobias, Maria Gerakiteys, Lea Hill.

2. AGM -election of Precinct Executive – refer pp4, 5

3. Minutes of previous meetings

Moved that the Minutes of the 6 February 2017 meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner

Seconded: Brad Cole

Passed: unanimous.

Ray Johnson advised the meeting that DA-01/2017 Alterations and additions to existing tenancy to create a co-working space and coffee sales window at 2-8 Campbell Parade BONDI BEACH NSW 2026 - has been deferred. He further advised that the existing use right established in DA-233/1969 as a restaurant / bar had expired pursuant to s107(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* because it had been abandoned for over 12 months.

ACTION: DA rep to monitor.

4. Business arising

No comments from Council on Motions from February until next meeting – 3 April 2017

Feedback on Actions:

- Cr Clayton advised that Council is planning to remove the internal Pavilion amphitheatre seating and replace it with a level grassed area so it will be easier to run events. A question was raised as to how older people and people with disabilities would be catered for if seats removed.

ACTION: Lenore to seek more information from council via email to Cr Clayton.

- Ben & Jerry's Open Air cinema can apply to operate in the internal amphitheatre where open air cinemas have operated in the past.
- The Motion relating to amalgamation sent to Minister for Local Government Gabrielle Upton was acknowledged.
- email received relating to the Norfolk Island Pines in the South Park:

*From: Waverley Council <CustomerService@waverley.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 22 February 2017 at 8:04:33 am AEDT
To: <jjclayton@bigpond.com>
Subject: Waverley Council Request: 17005339*

Dear Cr Clayton,

Please be advised that Councils arborist has inspected the Norfolk Island Pine trees located along Bondi Beach southern park as per request 17005339.

The trees were assessed to be in good health and condition and the exposed roots will have no effect on stability or structure. Planned landscaping works of the south park should address this issue with raised soil levels and under planting to help prevent further erosion.

Thank you for taking the time in bringing this to our attention and please do not hesitate in contacting us if you require further information.

*Kind Regards
Jason Douglas
Tree Operations Supervisor*

Questions raised:

- the statement *planting to help prevent further erosion* – means that erosion has occurred thus undermining the statement that the exposed roots *will have no effect on stability or structure*. It is noted that 2 of the trees are already growing new shoots from the base of the tree the sign of a distressed tree.
- when are the planned works to be undertaken?

ACTION: LK to send email to Jason Douglas

5. Bondi Pavilion Upgrade update

Cr Clayton advised new plans for the Bondi Pavilion upgrade will be released on the council website in due course. The changes look very positive. Current advice is that DA for the Pavilion most likely to be released at the end of March.

ACTION: If DA lodged at end of March, the April BBP meeting will focus on whether to lodge an objection to the DA.

6. Amalgamation update

High Court hearing on Woollahra Council's special leave to appeal will be posted on the Business List of the Sydney sittings at <http://www.hcourt.gov.au/registry/list-of-business-for-sittings>. The list for 10 March 2017 does not include the Woollahra Council matter.

7. DA update

DA-13/2017 - Demolition of existing building and construction of a mixed use building containing ground floor commercial and residential apartments over five storeys at 1 Sir Thomas Mitchell Road - BBP has lodged an objection. Cr Clayton advised a montage of the proposed development is on display in council offices. Lenore read a brief history of Sir Thomas Mitchell's links to Bondi.

Peter Kane advised there was a meeting at the Wellington Street tennis courts last October between the developer, legal representatives and architects to provide information to residents. Nothing more has been heard.

ACTION: Lenore to contact Dave Gravina to seek further information.

8. National Surfing Reserve update

Advice received that a meeting was held on 8 Feb 2017 where a logo was adopted and publication of a booklet about the surfing related history of Bondi discussed. A grant from Waverley Council is to be applied for in relation to the placing an NSR plaque at the Beach. The dedication ceremony is aimed to occur in Dec 2017.

9. Cleaning the beach

Discussion about rubbish at the tide line.

MOTION 1: That Waverley Council ensure that a beach cleaner walks along the beach on the sand at water's edge at low tide and removes all debris and rubbish before it washes back out.

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Unanimous

MOTION 2: That Waverley Council consider improving the effectiveness of beach machinery for picking up smaller items including stones, cigarette butts, glass and small sticks.

Proposed: Peter Kane

Seconded: Paul Paech

Unanimous

10. Plastic at the beach

Pollution arising from plastics bags and other plastic products was discussed. Councillor Wakefield advised Council has considered various proposals over the years to minimise waste plastic but balancing this with commercial needs. Council sued Boost Juice a number of years ago, under the EPA Act re pollution from Styrofoam cups. Outcome was that Styrofoam cups were replaced by cardboard. Councillor Wakefield advised initiatives to reduce plastic use are also State / Federal matters.

Brad Cole advised that the EPA website says that state government will roll out container recycling from 1 December 2017.

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/container-deposit-scheme.htm>

11. General business

Save West Bondi Junction Group

Discussion as to whether the precinct would support the Save West Bondi Junction campaign.

Council is in receipt of a planning proposal for 194-214 Oxford Street and 2 Nelson Street, Bondi Junction (the sites). The planning proposal, which has been lodged by Westgate BJ Pty Ltd, seeks to amend Waverley Local Environmental Plan 2012 by:

- increasing the maximum building height from 15m to 36m;
- increasing the maximum floor space ratio from 1.5:1 to 3.5:1;

- removing the local heritage status in relation to Item 1212 (the four terrace houses) at No. 194-200 Oxford Street, Bondi Junction; and
- correcting a zoning anomaly by rezoning a portion of the Syd Einfeld Drive road reserve from B4 Mixed Use to SP2 Infrastructure.
- local provision requiring future development to enter into an architectural design competition

There is a meeting objecting to this proposal this Saturday 11 March at 2pm. Councillor Wakefield advised this would be the start of a number of linked development proposals in the West Bondi Junction area.

MOTION 3: Bondi Beach Precinct supports the Save West Bondi Junction group in its opposition to the proposed development at west Oxford Street.

Proposed: Graham Fuller

Seconded: Ray Johnson

Carried - Unanimous

Council Heritage Project

Discussion about Council's heritage project and the need to appoint a position on the precinct committee to work on this. Graham Fuller suggested that that council should make a heritage brochure on the Bondi Beach Art Deco streetscape.

MOTION 4: That Council, in keeping with its Art Deco motion (reference 1302.13.2.2) produce a brochure that will be kept in the Bondi Pavilion and other relevant places for people who would like to do tours (see minute 1302.13.2.2).

Proposed: Graham Fuller

Seconded: Lenore Kulakauskas

Unanimous

12. Annual General Meeting:

Conducted by Cr Joy Clayton. The following committee members were elected:

Convenor: Lenore Kulakauskas

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner

Seconded: Andrew Mathers.

Secretary: Andrew Mathers

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

DA rep: Brad Cole

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Heritage reps: Paul Paech / Graham Fuller

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Marilyn Tanner

Committee member: Marilyn Tanner

Proposed: Lenore Kulakauskas

Seconded: Brad Cole

Alcohol rep: Lenore Kulakauskas

Proposed: Marilyn Tanner
Seconded: Brad Cole

Cr Clayton thanked precinct committee members for giving up their time to represent the community, thanking the new committee and the committee that served during 2016.

General business (continued)

Graham Fuller enquired as to whether the impact of the Royal Croquet Club had been discussed by the precinct and if it is a condition that event promoters restore the grounds to their original condition. Cr Clayton advised this is a requirement. Graham advised that only a small section of grass had been replaced.

MOTION 5: That Council directs its officers to take photographs of the area before and after events so that any make good clauses in event agreements can be enforced, and a timeline for the area to be restored by the event organiser - for example two weeks - be included in event agreements.

Proposed: Graham Fuller
Seconded: Ray Johnston
Unanimous

ACTION: Lenore to raise this motion at the combined precinct meeting this Wednesday.

The scheduled upgrade of the area outside the Bondi Beach Police Station on Gould St and the cleanliness of the two small parks at the junction of Roscoe and O'Brien related to the the Hakoah Club redevelopment were discussed.

ACTION: Brad Cole to email Cr Clayton re this.

Ray Johnson advised that a Bureau of Crime Statistics (BOCSAR) report released today examines the impact of lockout laws including on surrounding areas such as Bondi. Trend on assaults is lower in Kings Cross, however there is a 17% increase in assaults other than DV in displacement areas such as Bondi.

ACTION: Lenore is attending the next Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting at Waverley LAC and will raise the issue

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Lenore Kulakauskas
Convenor BBP
9 March 2017