

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT – 7 December 2022, 7.30pm

The meeting of the Bronte Beach Precinct was held on Wednesday December 7, 2022.

It was opened by Chair Virginia Milson at the Lugar Brae Church Hall, crn. Lugar Brae Lane Waverley at 7.30pm.

Apologies - Stephen Lightfoot, John Batts, Julie Green.

Number present - 19

The Minutes were proposed by Greg Vaughan and seconded by Michael Hudson, passed unanimously.

Special Guest Fletcher Rayner, Director Planning & Sustainability

Fletcher as part of his new role advised the meeting that he believed it was important to reach out to residents to hear their concerns over planning issues.

A number of issues were raised including the relocation of the MacPherson St. pedestrian crossing at St. Catherine's School to approximately 50 metres down the road. Residents were concerned about its relocation despite a bigger hide being built further west believing pedestrians will be disadvantaged. The work was undertaken between 7pm and 7am and caused considerable disturbance to residents.

In addition, the War Memorial Hospital was raised, with the meeting being advised that Planner, Jo Zacanero would not have her report ready until March's Planning Panel. Council anticipated that Uniting will challenge Council decisions with an appeal to the L&E Crt. Council wanted greater access to the site by the public.

A resident raised an issue over an incursion by the builder 150mls. Into his garage area which should have been a 900 setback.

It was noted that Compliance had been given additional funding.

Development Applications 161 MacPherson St.

Neighbour Brian Elton addressed the meeting stating that there are issues over loss of privacy, loss of views, scale, height, floor space ratio and exceeding setback requirements. And the landscape heritage listed wall at the rear of the property has been excluded from the plans.

The Mayor addressed the meeting on FOGO (Food Organics & Garden Organics) A system of dealing with organic waste which a number of Councils have adopted including Randwick resulting in considerable diversions of waste from landfill. There are trials to implement FOGO in 2024 /25 with Veolia which has also involved an enterprise agreement. If trial is successful introduction of the system could be 2026.

The Mayor also reported St.Catherine's had a fire in the boarding house resulting in 35 students being evacuated from the building. Attention was drawn to a Traffic Study regarding St.Catherine's and that area.

The Mayor promised to follow up.

Council Burrell reported that a cycleway was to be built in Birrell St.

General Business

A resident asked why Bronte House was not fully open with only the garden available for viewing and also expressed concern about the loss of important views of the ocean from the veranda due to overgrown vegetation. This view is a feature of its heritage listing. It was noted that earlier lessee had the house open until 4 or 5pm rather than 2pm.

The Mayor undertook to follow up.

The meeting was thanked for everybody's attendance and closed at 8.15pm.