

BONDI HEIGHTS PRECINCT MEETING MINUTES

21 AUGUST 2023

7 – 9PM

Councillors in attendance: Clr Ludovico Fabiano, Clr Tony Kay

Council staff in attendance: Community Liaison Coordinator – Jessica Ilacqua

Residents in attendance: 10

Acting Convenor/ Chair: Lynda Hall

Meeting commenced: 7pm

WELCOME

- Lynda welcomed the group and thanked them for attending.

JULY MINUTES

Previous minutes from July meeting noted.

Moved: Susie Hoppe

Seconded: Andrew Goldfinch

JULY RESPONSE REPORT:

Dangerous Laneway visibility

- The Precinct and Ward Councillors disagree with Council's response regarding Motion 1 - *That Council investigate dangerous Laneway intersections where there is no vision due to high walls etc, focusing on the area bounded by Flood Street, OSH Rd and Bondi Road. For example, Flood Lane with consideration be given in the first instance to convex mirrors in the public domain.*
- **Action:** Bondi Heights Precinct do not accept Council's response.
The Precinct would like an in depth analysis of the risk to life, looking at Bennett Street and Ewell Lane, Flood Lane and Yule Lane; and Woodstock Lane.
They would also like Precinct requests statistics of damaged convex mirrors and notice of where this vandalism has occurred.
They would like council to investigate putting up one of the following:
 - Convex Mirrors – there are ones available that stop vandalization.
 - Stop sign / shared zone sign / slower speed sign – As these lanes don't have footpaths, cars speed past and people can be hit.

Contacting Council Rangers

- **Action:** The Precinct would like an update on making Rangers Contactable 24/7 (previous motion raised by precinct).

Waverley Park POM

- Susie H noted that the presentation to Precincts was inadequate, and noted it was a tick the box activity.

The Voice – Yes Campaign

- AG - Government is only presenting a one sided Yes campaign.
- There has been no discussion on why you would vote no. AG feels there should be some balance in the argument, that the community is suffering from this propaganda.

MOTION 1:

- Bondi Heights Precincts is concerned that no balance has been offered to the Waverley community, offering information on both the Yes and the No cases. The Bondi Heights Precinct requests that Council provides equal information for both the Yes and No campaigns to keep the residents informed of all the facts.
The Bondi Heights Precinct would like to know what money has been spent on the Yes Campaign and what money has been spent on the No campaign.
Moved: Andrew G
Seconded: Julia L
Unanimously passed.

Intergenerational Fitness Stations

- These stations are for both young and old people to use together.
- Precinct member JL noted these playgrounds encourage people of all ages to get out and exercise. And promote positive health and wellbeing.
- Clr Tony K has asked officers to investigate funding for this.

TRAFFIC & PARKING

- 40km speed limit coming to your street.
- Clr Tony Kay noted that Stage one will just look at south of Bondi, including Birrell Street.

Intersection of Park Pde and Birrell Street.

- This was endorsed by Council and will proceed if the Minister supports it.
- Precinct member AG asked if the 40km speed limit negate speed humps?

Motion 2:

- Bondi Heights Precinct supports the introduction of 40k speed limits in local roads however we request that main Council roads such as Birrell Street should remain 50k.

Bondi Heights Precinct is most concerned about Council's plan to narrow the exit of Park Pde to Birrell Street to one lane. This intersection is heavily congested in peak times and cars turning right prevent cars that wish to turn left. By narrowing to one lane, there will be significant back up of cars due to the difficulty of right turning vehicles trying to turn at peak times. We request that the intersection remain as it is currently.

Moved: AG

Seconded: SV

Unanimous

Bondi Road Speeding

- Precinct Member Richard Jones noted the speeding that occurs on Bondi Road every morning and every afternoon near schools.

Motion 3:

- Bondi Heights Precinct requests that a 40km school zone on Bondi Road be investigated by Transport for NSW for Bondi Public and Montessori East School. Could Council please pass this message on to Transport for NSW.

The Precinct requests that Council investigate putting a barrier adjacent to the lights at St Patricks Church. This will stop jaywalkers, and potentially stop a vehicle from mounting the kerb.

Moved: Richard J

Seconded: Julia L

Unanimous

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

38A Flood Street

- Classified as a residential flat building.
- Proposal for car parking area and remove 7 trees.
- Current Stop the clock issued – Council has requested additional information to make an informed decision about the DA. This means no work can occur during this time.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ban on Gas Stoves + Internal Heaters in new developments

- Precinct agree this is a sign of the times and precinct supports it.

Overgrown trees blocking street lights and hitting people's heads

- **Action:** CLC to raise Merit to have trees pruned due to safety issues from overgrown trees.
Safety risk
 - Flood Street – too dark. Not safe
 - Ocean Street – too dark. Not safe.
 - Bennet Street – some are growing low, hit people in the head.
 - King Street – some are growing low, hit people in the head.

Bondi Road Footpath Damage

- **Action:** CLC to raise a request to have Bondi Road's pavement looked at, as it is damaging wheelchairs, and walkers.

Planning for City 2 Surf

- Precinct Member requests that Council look at access to playground at Bondi Beach during City2Surf.
- The children's playground is right at finish line, crowds gather preventing children and parents accessing the playground.
- **Action:** CLC to raise with Council's events team.

Road Resurfacing on Ocean St and Bennett St

- Precinct member JL would like to understand why only parts of Ocean St and Bennet St were resurfaced rather than the whole st? The road is now like patchwork.
- **Action:** CLC to follow up.

54 Ocean Street – Footpath to be resurfaced

- Precinct member JL noted that when there is significant rain, the footpath outside 54 Ocean street is completely flooded. An elderly woman lives there.
- Council to please investigate and resurface footpath. Safety issue.
- **Action:** CLC to raise a merit for Council to investigate.

Makers Space

- Council to investigate having a makers space, similar to the Bower in Marrickville.
- **Action:** CLC to raise a merit.

My Call Clean Ups

- Resident JL requested a 'my call clean up' through Customer Service.
- Customer Service did not tell the resident that there was a free LGA wide Clean Up only a few days later. Feels Customer Service Team should have told her.

- **Action:** CLC to raise this as a merit to provide feedback to Customer Service Team.

Additional information:

- AG noted that Kennelworth Street did not receive the Precinct meeting notification flyer.
- **Action:** CLC to raise with distributor.

Meeting closed: 9pm