

Dover Heights Precinct (DHP) meeting May 13, 2019

Present: Hunter Ward Councillors CR Sally Betts & CR Steven Lewis. CR Dominic Wy Kanak from Bondi Ward was also present.

Regrets from CR Will Nemesh, Peter Cappe.

AGM – Sally Betts presided as returning officer.

Convenor – Dov Frazer – Moved Robert Harvey, Second Michael Gottlieb – Approved

Secretary – Ron Nothman – Moved by Robert Harvey, Second Grant Benson - Approved

DA Rep – Kerry Gottlieb – Move by Grant Bensobn, Second Michael Gottlieb - Approved

Minutes from previous meeting

Moved by – Julie Stark

Seconded by - Robert Harvey

ACCEPTED

1 – Presentation by Bianca Simpson on Hugh Bamford and Williams Park POM and Masterplan

Bianca gave a long and thorough presentation. Said the process was only beginning. Gave all a handout attached. Said best way to have your say at this point is to take the online survey about Williams Park & Hugh Bamford.

Notes from Bianca:

- 260 online surveys were done by council.
- 150 intercept surveys were done council.
- After initial POM it will go back to the community then to council to be tweaked.
- She said Golf Club has 100 members and 1000 social members. Unclear of location or residency of either members or social members.
- Sally said that The Easts Leagues Club manage the golf course and clubhouse.
- Williams Park is a Crown Reserve. Council owns the golf club building and future uses requires a POM for a new crown lease.
- Ron suggested grevilleas along Military Road boundary and slope. Dov noted these slopes are currently a dumping ground and filled with overgrown nonnative species.
- Bianca said there would not be a fence along the cliff edge.
- Aboriginal carvings in rock to be assessed by specialist.
- Bianca said initial response was to keep Williams Park organic and untouched.
- Dov to send email to residents reminding them to take the survey ASAP.
- Grant Benson expressed concern about playing fields pressure in Rodney Reserve in the future.
- Bianca said sport fields / open space will be mapped out.
- Michael said Rodney is now well turfed and it is being used passively and should remain as it is.
- Dov reminded group that Hugh Bamford was a full size rugby pitch before Sydney Water built the driveway from Military Road. Hugh Bamford already has lights and long term structures that house all necessary facilities.
- Bianca said one idea was to build connection between Williams Park and Hugh Bamford on the coast side of the Sydney Water plant.

2 – Presentation on history of Rodney Reserve by Richard Davis. His video could not be found but was later posted on the Dover Heights Facebook Page.

Richard is very keen to see the viewing platform built to better appreciate the work of Doctor John Bolton on the Radio Telescope Project in the 1940's.

3 – Updates on Bus Shelters

a – There was a resident meeting held on April 20, 2019 on site with Dan Joannides, Executive Manager – Creating Waverley. Residents insisted that there were serious safety concerns with install bus shelters at 185 and 246 Military (over 10 residents attended). Dan did not agree that there were any safety concerns with the location of the bus shelters, indicating that sight lines were reduced by the parking of vehicles along Military Road. Also he stated that STA would not agree to move the Bus Stops unless Transport for NSW first agreed.

b – Will Nemesh offered to contact the NSW Minister for Transport on behalf of the Precinct regarding the bus stop locations.

Will received a reply from his contacts at the NSW Transport Minister – According to the chief of staff of the NSW Transport Minister, he advised via email that:

“The advice we have is as follows;

a - From our discussions with STA it is believed the Military Rd bus stop issue is ongoing and a final determination of the location of the bus stops outside either 185 or 246 Military Rd has not yet occurred

b - STA has no objection to the relocation of either bus stop so long as the bus stops meet their operational and safety requirements, and the community consultation is carried out by Waverley Council

c - Transport for NSW supports STA's position on the issue”

Motion 1

As Transport NSW and STA have no objection, DHP requests that Council move the bus stops at 185 & 246 Military Road to the north in line with operational and safety requirements.

Moved – Ron Nothman, Second Robert Harvey, Approved

c - Email from Sharon Cassidy, Executive Manager, Major Projects –

‘In Mid-May works will begin to replace existing bus shelters on Military Rd. The two bus shelters are located at:

35 Military Road & 133 Military Road

The works will include the replacement of existing shelters with the installation of new glass paneled shelters. These shelter replacements are in lieu of the bus shelters not being installed at 185 and 246 Military Road.’

4 – Update on Radio Telescope Viewing Platform and Coastal Fencing Location

DHP has had motions, Combined Precinct has moved motions and Full Council has approved motions. The precinct has been frustrated by lack of action. Dov had meeting with Emily Scott and Bianca Simpson last Wednesday May 8. Emily understood our pain and promised to expedite the geotechnical report that underpins both the fencing location and the viewing platform.

Sally - any update on the timing of Coastal Fencing installation? Sally said fencing to be started this financial year and to start at Hugh Bamford.

Motion 2 – DHP requests that the acacia plants on the newly planted slope in Rodney Reserve between Dover Road and the playing field along the eastern fence line be trimmed. These were never meant to block views of the ocean.

Moved, Grant Benson, Second Michael Gottlieb – Approved

5 – NBN destruction at Blake & Military

NBN contractor Downer is responsible for latest destruction of our pavers. Council has hired a new person, David Jolly who is dedicated to restorations. Dov met with David Jolly on site and is working with him to insure the earliest possible full restoration of our beautiful corner

Motion 3 – DHP requests that all damage by NBN contractors to the Blake & Military Road corner be FULLY restored by July 1st, 2019

Moved Ruth Abeshouse, Second Julie Stark - Approved

6 – Update Snap Send Solve – Dov contact the head of the company, forwarded info to the general manager Ross McLeod and to head of Customer Service Tanya Potts and encouraged them to pay the fees to fully integrate Snap Send Solve into Waverley's system. Great news as of last week from Tanya Potts is that the check is in the mail and the app will be fully integrate by end of May. Please download the new improved app to easily make reports to council via your phone

7 – Council Responses from Previous Motions:

Motion about stainless steel on coastal fences is below with reply provided by Council:

Motion 4 - Update on Coastal Fences –

DHP requests that the coastal fence be made with 2205 stainless steel that does not tea stain and that no timber is used at all due to long time maintenance issues.

Moved – Leesa, Second Ron – Approved

Response from Council:

This motion was forwarded to Waverley's Open Space Planning Manager who has provided the following response:

The consultation, design and documentation for the Coastal Fence has been completed. Council is currently seeking prices for the construction of the coastal fence which will be installed in Hugh Bamford Reserve in 2019.

The new fence in Hugh Bamford will be constructed with Stainless Steel 316 and Australian hardwood timber. These materials are durable and low in maintenance. Stainless steel 2205 is not used in outdoor environments and is cost prohibitive.

In Response to Council's reply on this motion, Ron Nothman stated that the Council Officer's report on the Coastal Fencing stated that 2205 stainless steel is not for external use, thus not for use on the coast. Ron is of the opinion that these officers are wrong and do not understand issues about high quality Coastal Grade Stainless Steel. He went on to state that 316 stainless steel will degrade along the coast as it already has degraded everywhere it has already been used in Waverley. It will cost more for a single cleaning than its original cost to purchase. Council's report claimed it is far too expensive but in fact 2205 stainless steel is a maximum 20%

more than 316 stainless steel. However 2205 stainless steel is maintenance free for 100 years and will not visually degrade ever. Ron questioned why is Council going down the same old path, of short term fixes, which require ongoing maintenance. Using 316 stainless steel will become ugly, stained and degraded in a short period of time and is a bad result for the overall community. Using 316 stainless steel will cost council more in the long run due to its high cost of maintenance and the fact that it will have to be replaced within 20 years. Ron urged council to reconsider not using 2205 stainless steel in the coastal fences upgrades and requested a meeting with council officers to discuss these issues.

8 – General Business

Motion 4– DHP requests that signage be erected in on the Coastal walk in Diamond Bay NOT to litter and threaten a fine if people DO litter.

Moved – Michael Gottlieb, Second Grant Benson - Approved

Motion 5 – DHP requests that a new bin be erected on south entrance of the Diamond Bay coastal walk near 33 Kimberley Street

Moved – Michael Gottlieb, Second Grant Benson - Approved

Motion 6 – DHP requests a timely schedule for the already approved restoration of the unsafe slope in Eastern Ave Reserve north of Bulga Road

Moved – Ron Nothman, Second Julie Stark - Approved

Motion 7 – DHP requests that council remove dead trees, dead branches and dead shrubs & overgrown grass in the Weonga Reserve south east of 33 Weonga Road and in Rodney Reserve in the verge north and east of 2 Rodney Street

Moved – Michael Gottlieb, Second Grant Benson - Approved

Motion 8– DHP request new planting of red flowing grevilleas be placed where the oleanders were removed in Dudley Page Reserve

Moved – Richard Harvey, Second Ron Nothman – Approved

Motion 9– DHP requests that piles of grass in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves be removed immediately after cutting so grass being covered does not die. DHP requests the huge piles off dead grass are never left in the future as this causes massive areas of live grass to die

Moved – Richard Harvey, Second Julie Stark – Approved

Meeting ended at 9:45 PM

Next Meeting Aug 2019