

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT – WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

Minutes of the Bronte Beach Precinct for Wednesday 22 February 22 2023

The meeting at Lugar Brae Church Hall, Bronte, at 7.30 pm was an AGM.

Apologies: Davina Owens, Stephen Lightfoot, Mayor Masselos

Present: 15 were in attendance and welcomed by Convenor Virginia Milson.

Councillors Attending: Councillor Burrill

Business Arising:

Bronte House

A reply was received from the Mayor in which she undertook the following:

- to ensure that the tenants fulfil their lease requirements in terms of opening hours etc.
- Request an audit of the garden with Council heritage officers' advice so that the new contractors reinstate the original garden planting undertaken by James Broadbent and Leo Schofield which was regarded as best practise. Also Council will reinstate the ocean views blocked by the Bamboo.
- Council will repair the lower garden path and walls in disrepair from a land slip.
- Council will encourage the tenants to make the Open Days more interesting and to partner with the local Precinct for perhaps a water colour exhibition.

The previous Minutes from December 2022 were proposed and passed unanimously.

Proposer Susan Hely Secunder Greg Vaughan; Passed unanimously.

The AGM

Resident and former Convenor of the BBP Robert Mclellan took over the Chair with all office bearers stepping down. Robert thanked the committee for their work for the previous year and then called for nominations.

The following were elected:

Virginia Milson and Greg Vaughan Co Convenors

John Batts Secretary;

Michael Hudson; Susan Hely, Roger Rajaratnam; David Shrimpton were appointed as Committee members.

Following the election, the Convenor returned to chair the meeting.

Development Proposals

492 Bronte Rd - The meeting was advised that an objection had been lodged against the above due to its lack of compliance to the controls. It was over the height at the rear by over

2metres and over 1 metre at the front and over the FSR by 258 sq. metres almost the size of a small house.

The War Memorial Hospital Site It was reported that it is a State Significant Site and numerous communications had been made to the Dept. of Planning over the Heritage Status of the site but these have remained unanswered as Council seeks to Heritage listing of the land and buildings clarified.

L&E Cr. The meeting was advised that Charing Cross Precinct was primarily involved with the Philip House DA hearing (12 May) in the L&E Cr. Worries were expressed that the locality is losing reasonably priced aged care accommodation for its less fortunate inhabitants. Similarly it was feared that a crucial decision would be made by the developers taking a Land & Environment route to further their plans, thereby by-passing both Waverley Council and local residents. We were reminded that there had been a more agreeable past decision regarding a similar scenario at 'Pomona' in MacPherson Street

Traffic and Speed Issues

Concern was raised over the condition of the pedestrian hide in MacPherson St. as It has been damaged and also the protection of pedestrians when crossing the roundabout in MacPherson/Leichhardt Sts.

Motion 1

Background

Concern was expressed about the relocated pedestrian crossing in MacPherson St. outside St.Catherine's School as its causing irritation to residents due to the noise resulting from vehicles hitting the hump .The bus drivers have also been complaining.

BBPrecinct requests that Waverley Council rectify the crossing platform outside St.Catherine's School Macpherson St. on the western side where there is a steep angle which is causing considerable vehicle noise and driver concern.'

Proposed by Robert McLellan, seconder Mark Zions. Passed Unanimously

Motion 2

Background

Concern was expressed over pedestrian safety at the roundabout on the corner of MacPherson/Leichhardt Sts. Waverley. Council has acknowledged that roundabouts are very pedestrian unfriendly.

BBP requests that WC construct a pedestrian 'hide' or refuge at the northern side of the roundabout at Macpherson/Leichhardt Sts. Waverley to assist pedestrian safety when crossing.

Proposed Greg Vaughan seconder Robert McLellan Passed unanimously.

Concern was also expressed over the 40km.speed limit at The Cutting as it was believed to be inappropriate for a roadway where many pedestrians, walkers and bathers tend to walk in addition to the footpath. It was agreed that as this was a state government responsibility that the Head of Transport NSW Rod Sharps should be contacted by JB.

General Business

Motion 3

Background

WC requires a new tree to be planted in lieu of a tree removed from a private property . BBPrecinct requests that WC followup after a tree removal on private property to ensure the residents have replaced the removed tree with a replacement tree.

Proposed by Greg Vaughan seconder Susan Hely Passed by a majority of residents with 2 dissenters.

D. Shrimpton had complained about a Change of Shop Use in Macpherson St. where the Naked Bowl has become a real estate office Clr Burrill remarked that such a shift did not need consent as the change did not involve a greater concentration of activity or impact eg. If it were changed to a Childcare Centre.

Robin Edwards spoke on the launch of Waverley Voice for Aboriginals at the Bondi Pavilion. A.Goffe remarked that Clr Dom Kanak had opposed this Voice. The meeting was reminded that this upcoming referendum would be the most important once since 1967.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.