South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct

Minutes of the Meeting 22 February 2023 held at Council Chambers

The Chair Robyn Fabiano opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair expressed Acknowledgment of Country paying respect to the Elders of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation past, present and emerging.

Apologies: Bernadette Crawford

Present: 5 residents; Crs Ludovico Fabiano & Tony Kay

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 23rd November 2022 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

Motions of the previous meeting.

Motion 1 re No Parking signs: Council's response was noted. Michelle reported the signs had been taken down.

Motion 2: re special parking lots for boat trailers and commercial vehicles. Council's response was noted. Cr Kay outlined the special conditions for the parking of boat trailers.

Regarding 2P parking around Jackaman Street, it was noted that this was on the agenda for the Traffic Committee the following day. The proposal seemed to have a typo reading 8am – 6pm when it should either be 8am-8pm or 8am-10pm. Cr Kay said that the Crs would have the time frames amended at the upcoming meeting.

A discussion ensued about parking of car share vehicles in Waverley in general and especially in Residential Parking areas.

Questions to Council:

There has been an increase in community care share businesses like Uber Car Share vehicles that are parked regularly for long periods of time in Residential Parking areas. Can Council confirm that Go Get can get a residential parking permit; residents do not support parking permits for other car share businesses, can you confirm that this will remain the case? Can car share vehicles park outside designated parking areas within a residential parking scheme?

Can Council advise how many car share vehicles can be parked in a residential street in a residential parking area?

Questions to Council.

3. DAs update

No DA issues were reported.

4. Traffic /Parking update

Some of the parking issues had been discussed under Item 2, Motion 2 of minutes of previous meetings.

Residents expressed their concern about the loss of parking in the area.

Parklets:

Cr Kay reported that he had received manifold complaints about the parklets already especially the one in Boonara Ave that was established today. Apart from the loss of parking, residents complain that cars can't pass each other, and larger vehicles have issues passing. They also consider it as not a beautiful sight or ugly.

Motions:

South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct supports the concern of Boonara Avenue residents regarding the recently installed parklet on the road. The Precinct requests that Council immediately relocates the parklet to the wide grass verge.

Motion Carried.

Motion:

South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct rejects the Watson Street Parklet at the eastern side of Watson Street for the following reasons: the safety of pedestrians and traffic, especially with trucks turning into Watson Street, loss of loading zone parking space and general congestion of an already crowded area.

Motion carried.

5. General Business

Michelle reported that an elderly resident nearly had a fall tripping over loose yellow tactile ground surface indicators at the bus stop Birrell Street near Watson Street. It was decided that, as a health and safety issue, this should be reported either by using the Snap Send Solve App or by emailing Council for speedy action. Cr Fabiano offered to report this via the Snap Send Solve App.

Residents raised the issue of the development of the Tamarama Surf Club. The stairs were still blocked off. Concern was expressed about the proposal for a kiosk and the impact this will have on residents.

Motion:

The South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct authorizes Peter Chapman to respond to the upcoming survey and object on behalf of the Precinct.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Precinct members expressed their wish that this issue also be brought to the attention of the Combined Precinct Committee at their next meeting. The Chair undertook to raise the issue with the Combined Precinct Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.