

South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct

Minutes of the Meeting 24 May 2023 held by Zoom

The Chair Robyn Fabiano opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

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, Sue Midgley

Present: 8 residents; Crs Ludovico Fabiano & Tony Kay

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 22 February 2023 were confirmed.

Waverley Council Response Report.

The Chair outlined the Council response to questions raised at the last Precinct meeting. The parklet in Boonara Avenue has been removed and is now placed on the nature strip; the parklet in Watson Street has been moved 2 metres south.

Tamarama Surf Club: Council noted that Peter Chapman will respond on behalf of the Precinct; there has been no further information regarding the survey.

GoGet cars are provided dedicated spaces and are not eligible for resident parking permits.

Owners of privately owned vehicles of the Uber fleet are eligible for resident parking permits if the resident owning the car lives in the RPS area.

Residents of houses are eligible for up to three parking permits, less if they have off-street parking.

Car share vehicles can park outside designated parking areas if they stay within the posted time limits.

3. Development Applications update

Michelle was contacted regarding support for the Development proposal for 5 Tamarama Street to amend the zoning from R3 Medium Density Residential to R2 Low Density Residential.

During the discussions different aspects and impacts of R3 and R2 zonings were raised.

Instead of making a petition, Cr Kay noted that property owners should make individual submissions which carried more weight than one petition with many signatures.

Submissions can be made through the Have Your Say website of Council, but submissions

had closed on 10th May and Michelle had contacted the DSA officer regarding a late submission from the Precinct.

The Precinct supports the 5 Tamarama Street rezoning suggestion and maintaining the look of Tamarama Street as single home street.

The Precinct agreed for Michelle to prepare a late submission to Council in support of the Planning submission lodged by Council.

Email: strategictownplanning@waverley.nsw.gov.au

Michelle reported on a house in Jackaman Street which was renovated a few years ago using a private certifier. The owner renovated it on the cheap and the renovations are adversely affecting the neighbouring property with all water running off into the house next door. The elderly owner was advised by their insurer that they do not pay for the damage and the house next door was not insured. It was suggested the neighbour should contact Council to find out what work was done Michelle will send details regarding the case to Councillors.

Adrien raised the concern residents have regarding the DA for 12 Imperial Avenue (DA-82/2023). The submission period closed last week on Wednesday 17th May and residents have put in submissions. The impact of the development on heritage and the immediate neighbours is huge; it is a large development with impact on access, overshadowing, noise; it is the most significant building in the area by size, it's visible from lots of different sites in Bondi.

The development is large, 6 bedrooms and bathrooms, 3 offices, multiple living spaces, a pool, 54 new trees, excavation of a heritage driveway. The building is clearly visible from the street and does not fit in with the heritage area.

Cr Kay outlined the assessment process. If the assessment goes to the Waverley Local Planning Panel the assessment report is made public to allow people to address the Panel meeting with their concern.

Precinct could ask Council whether the assessment report is going to the Planning Panel. It was decided that Michelle will send an email to the Planning Officer to ask if she can send in a late submission.

Adrien and her fellow residents will send Michelle a list in two days with key points to be used in a late submission.

4. Traffic /Parking update

Michelle pointed out that 2 hr parking had been approved for Jackaman Street in February but nothing had happened yet. Cr Kay noted that the introduction takes some time due to administrative work involved and signs and posts need to be ordered and installed.

5. General Business

Brad raised his concern about the planting Council undertook at the top of Marks Park near the playground at the top of stairs near Fletcher Street, in an area which used to be just grass the planting included trees now over three meters high which now obscure the view

to the water and the surf. Why did they plant trees that grow so high, in Gaerloch Reserve they planted low shrubs.

Motion:

Precinct members request Council to prune the existing bushes and trees at the top of Marks Park near the playground at the stairs near Fletcher Street to a height around 3 meters to restore the view from the public domain in the first instance and to consider for the future to plant more appropriate plants for the environment.

Motion carried

Brad also raised awareness about Council's new position on property amalgamations and its meaning for DAs.

The objective in the Local Environmental Plan 'to increase or preserve residential dwelling density. This means for example that you can't combine units. Some discussion ensued on the topic.

Peter raised the issue around Tamarama Surf Club, but there was no further news on this item.

The Secretary Karin Brennan had to leave the meeting on time, so minute taking for the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

On the close of the meeting DA representative Michelle Brenner sent the following email to Strategic Town Planning:

We, the Bondi Tamarama Precinct support the rezoning of the lot known as 5 Tamarama St which is presently known as R3 to be rezoned to R2. We wish to keep the look and feel of Tamarama St to be kept within its existing unique neighbourhood of single dwelling homes.