SOUTH BONDI / TAMARAMA PRECINCT MEETING

Wednesday 27 September 2023

Waverley Council Chambers

The meeting opened at 7.10pm

1. Welcome

The Chair, Robyn Fabiano, welcomed all to the meeting; she gave Acknowledgment of Country paying respect to the Elders of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation past, present and emerging; and introduced the members of the Executive Committee, Robyn Fabiano - Chair, Michelle Brenner - DA Representative, and Karin Brennan - Secretary.

Present: Committee members R Fabiano, K Brennan, M Brenner; Crs Ludovico Fabiano & Tony Kay; 15 residents

2. Apologies

Bernadette Crawford Gwen Bullivant Late apologies for Peter Chapman and Bill Yeoman

3. Previous minutes of 24 May 2023 and matters arising

R Fabiano spoke to the minutes and Council's Response Report. She noted that the request to prune the trees and bushes in Marks Park had been responded to and completed.

The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting (Moved MB, seconded KB)

4. Bus Shelters - Improved shelter roofing needed now

Robyn reported that she had learned of the cooling effect planting on the shelter roof can bring and had raised the question of improved shelter roofing at the Combined Precinct Meeting. Council has already 3 bus shelters with roof planting. One of these is on Tamarama Marine Drive, another one in Bondi Junction opposite Westfields. Robyn encouraged members to call 9083 8000 and lodge a service request should they note that the grass is drying out and requires watering, or use the snap, send, solve app.

Council is currently restoring the old tram shelter near Waverley Oval, which is pleasing to see.

5. DA Update

Michelle reported on the Development Application for 12 Imperial Avenue, which is Heritage listed and the DA does not fit in with the Heritage guidelines. The DA is going to the Local Planning Commission.

Cr Kay noted that Councillors do not get involved with applications and the application process. However, they can assist residents in drafting applications. The Local Planning Commission is separate from Council, objectors can speak at the panel.

6. Traffic / Parking Update

Michelle noted that the situation in Jackaman St has improved, and residents are happy.

One of the trees has large roots which need attention. It was suggested to lodge a service request through snap, send and solve.

Traffic in Henderson Street, safety, and the impact of residential parking in general were discussed. There is the potential that the whole of Waverley LGA will become residential parking. It is very difficult for visitors or workers who come to the area from elsewhere to find reasonable parking. Michelle noted that she had been told that residential parking wasn't really policed and acts more as a deterrent. Residents felt very strongly that there should be more policing by rangers, and it should be up to them to call rangers when people park illegally, especially when they themselves pay rates and also pay heavily for parking.

In 2012/13 Council conducted a comprehensive review of parking and Cr Kay has been asking for the review to be undertaken again, the residential parking scheme to be reviewed before the end of the year. The last review took 6 months with meetings held every 2-3 weeks.

It was acknowledged that there is a lack of motor bike parking in Waverley LGA. Council wants to increase motor bike parking, especially near intersections to provide greater line of sight.

The following motions were put:

Motion 1:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests Council to investigate improving line of sight for vehicles exiting Henderson St onto Bondi Road to improve vehicular safety, such as installing 'Motorbikes Only' parking to the west of Henderson Street in Bondi Road.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion 2:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct asks Council to request for Transport NSW to reinstate the 'Keep Clear' road markings on Bondi Road opposite Wellington Street that was removed by the recent Bondi Road road surfacing.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion 3:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests Council to assess the line of sight exiting Imperial Avenue into Bondi Road due to trees on the footpath outside 'Grab Thai' takeaway obstructing the view.

This motion was carried unanimously.

7. General Business

Motion 4:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests Council to reinvestigate a trial of a timed dog off leash at Mackenzies Bay. There are no off-leash beaches for dogs to swim in the Waverley LGA.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Motion 5:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests Council to fix kerb and gutter at the southeast corner of Fletcher and Silver Streets due to it being a health and safety issue.

This motion was carried unanimously.

Robyn advised that the Tamarama Park Plan of Management is open for consultation, closing on 5 November. She encouraged all to look and comment on the plan on the 'Have your say Waverley' website.

Motion 6:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct asks Council to green and beautify Sandridge Street by planting native shrubs; when will this be possible?

This motion was carried unanimously.

The 'Turn left only' into Bondi Road for Boonara and Imperial Avenues was discussed.

Motion 7:

That the South Bondi Tamarama Precinct requests that Council changes the current 24/7 Left Hand Turn Only restriction awaiting approval by Transport NSW to a timed restriction such as 7am -9.30am, 4.30 to 6.30 pm for weekdays and at appropriate weekend times.

This motion was carried unanimously.

8. Annual General Meeting – Election of Precinct Office Bearers

Cr Kay took the Chair as Returning Officer. He thanked the outgoing Committee members for their work.

It was established there should be four positions on the Executive: Convenor, Secretary, a DA Representative and a Traffic Representative.

Position of Convenor:

Michelle Brenner nominated Robyn Fabiano as Convenor seconded by Karin Brennan.

There being no further nominations Robyn was declared elected Convenor.

Position of Secretary:

Michelle Brenner nominated Karin Brennan as Secretary seconded by Robyn Fabiano.

There being no further nominations Karin was declared elected Secretary.

Position of DA Representative:

Robyn Fabiano nominated Michelle Brenner as DA Representative seconded by Karin Brennan.

There being no further nominations Michelle was declared elected DA Representative.

Michelle Brenner nominated Bernadette Crawford a Co DA Representative seconded by Robyn Fabiano.

There being no further nominations Bernadette was declared elected Co DA Representative.

Position of Traffic Representative:

Cassandra Bartolomey nominated Phil Suriano as Traffic Representative seconded by Will Suriano. There being no further nominations Phil was declared elected Traffic Representative.

Close of meeting.