

Bondi Precinct Minutes

Wednesday 14 April, 2020

By Zoom

Meeting opened at 7pm.

Councillors in attendance: None

Council Representatives: Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-Ordinator

Convener: Gabi Tobias

Apologies: Cr Leon Goltsman

No confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting. Bondi Precinct has been holding joint meetings with the Bondi Beach Precinct previously. During 2020 the Bondi Precinct has not met due to the pandemic, and this is the first meeting for 2021.

Present: 11 participants

Agenda

By way of introduction, Council's Community Liaison Co-ordinator, Mary Shiner, provided an overview of Waverley's Precinct system, and how it serves the local community.

The Precinct system is a recommendatory committee only.

Updates on important local issues

Residents report some success using the App, **Snap Save Solve**. Users take photos of problems in their neighbourhood and lodge them online. Waverley Council receives these requests and enters them into the MERIT Customer service system for follow up and it can be an effective way to lodge and have local issues addressed.

Development Applications

1. Questions were raised about the **Edward Street** multi-apartment DA with underground parking. It was reported the DA process was still underway.
2. Update provided on **DA for 56 Sir Thomas Mitchell Rd**, which would see the demolition of an intra-war block of four units to be replaced by a four-level development, including an underground car park and car turning table. A new DA has been lodged by the developer, with some minor amendments to the original proposal. Residents have responded and are now awaiting Council's response. A further hearing has been set for 12 May in the Land & Environment Court.

3. Failure of Council's development notification process. A resident in Blair Street who lives next door to a DA, was not notified by letter by Council.

Motion 1

- a) The Bondi Precinct request an investigation into why DA notifications weren't distributed to neighbours and nearby residents in the case of DA-471/2018/B)? and
- b) The Bondi Precinct requests a specific distribution radius of 500 sq m around the property.

Mover: Zina Kaye

Seconder: Tim Evangelista

Motion Carried

On Notice: Precinct residents would like to further discuss the Council's notification process in regard to DA's and traffic changes and its approach to community consultation. To be tabled as an item for the next meeting.

Traffic

Concerns raised about traffic changes and street closures in the Bondi Precinct.

Motion 2

The Bondi Precinct calls for no permanent changes to be made to Barracluff Avenue or any street in the Bondi Precinct until a full traffic management plan for the area has been developed. This acknowledges that any traffic change in one street impacts on surrounding streets and requires community consultation.

If traffic calming measures are to be introduced in Barracluff Avenue we propose low-budget, non-permanent measures implemented on a 12-month trial only, followed by appropriate traffic assessment and community consultation.

Any traffic calming measures implemented in Barracluff Avenue should be accompanied by the introduction of a 40-kilometre speed limit on all streets in the Bondi Precinct, recognising that traffic calming and pedestrian safety is an issue for all streets in the area.

The Bondi Precinct also calls for the closure of Rickard Street to be reviewed with a view to re-opening it, and formal consideration of a traffic plan for the area.

Mover: Di Robinson

Seconder: Rex Walsh

Carried

Next meeting: Wednesday 12 May 2021

Close Meeting: 8.30pm