South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct

Minutes of the Meeting 23rd November 2022 held online via Zoom

The Chair Robyn Fabiano opened the meeting at 7.01pm.

1. Welcome:

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

It was noted that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of compiling the meeting minutes only. Robyn advised that Corinna Pierce (Waverley Council Library) would join the meeting at a later stage to present on the new Waverley Library Strategic Plan; the order of the agenda items was subject to change to allow Corinna to give her presentation when she was available to join the meeting.

2. Apologies: Nil

Present: 9 residents; Crs Ludovico Fabiano & Tony Kay; for part of the meeting Corinna Pierce (Waverley Council)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising:

The minutes of the previous meeting held 22nd June 2022 were confirmed as a true record of that meeting. (Moved Michelle, seconded Bernadette)

Motion of the previous meeting.

The Chair noted changes had been made to the Tamarama Park and Beach PoM following feedback received during the first round of the community consultation project.

In summary, motions 1 and 3 required no action, motions 4 and 5 had been referred to Service Management Traffic and Transport.

Regarding motion 2 Robyn reported on the walk round Tamarama Park she and Michelle had undertaken. A further report of the working group to be presented at the next meeting.

4. DAs update

No DA issues to report; but Michelle wanted to raise the question of how the DA regarding the corner house on the west side of Jackaman Ave and south side of Philip Street was able to get through Council. It is an exceptionally large building, not fitting the area.

5. Traffic /Parking update

Michelle reported on a No Parking sign in Mason Lane that had appeared in front of someone's kitchen window. Residents should have been consulted about the posting of the sign. A discussion about the posting of parking signs ensued.

Motion:

Regarding the recent No Parking signage East Mason Lane off Jackaman Street residents are not happy. Residents would like to decision to be reviewed and revoked with community consultation of affected residents. (Moved Michelle, seconded Bernadette)

At this stage Corinna Pierce joined the meeting and gave her presentation on the new Library Strategic Plan

6. Waverley Library Strategic Plan Consultation. Corinna, Manager, Library and Learning Futures presented on the consultation currently taking place. The previous survey had been conducted during lockdown and did not reach a wide audience, it predominantly reached existing Library users only.

The State Library conducted an audit of the Library and its services, generally the membership level is low, the collection turnover is also low, the percentage of reference material in the Library is very high and usage low, most people search online for reference material; the local history collection should be digitised to allow easier access and higher usage; the establishment of a neighbourhood library is also being looked at. After a discussion and question answering session, the participants thanked Corinna for her presentation.

Corinna left the meeting and the discussion about parking resumed. Michelle noted that a survey had been distributed in her residential area asking residents about the introduction of 2-hour parking. She was interested in the experience other residents might have with 2-hour parking. After lengthy discussion about the parking scheme, boat trailers and tradesmen parking, including an explanation of legal aspects, the following motion was passed:

Motion:

Could Council investigate and respond to the issue of alternative options that restrict and remove boat trailers and other trailers that are currently taking up limited parking spaces in our neighbourhood roads. For example, Council hiring a parking lot specifically for trailers and boats in order to remove their existence in residential neighbourhoods with limited parking. (Moved Kathy, seconded Michelle)

7. General Business

An extensive discussion was held about the greening of Waverley, work undertaken regarding play streets, the calming of traffic which includes narrowing of street entrances to and the possibility this offers for planting and the greening of Waverley.

Tina offered to phrase a motion and forward this to the Secretary for discussion and passing at the next Precinct meeting.

Proposed Motion for February 2023 meeting:

Will Council please advise how they intend to increase our permeable/plantable areas and decrease the asphalt and concrete in our precinct and greater municipality?

One of the stated aims of Waverley Council's strategic plan is to increase tree canopy by 30% by 2029 thereby diminishing the heat islands in the municipality.

Will Council commit to converting No STOPPING areas at street intersections to gardens - as has been done at Tasman, Jackaman, Jacques, Consett - and protecting every tree and garden historically established within the street itself to support these strategic aims?

Will the General Manager ensure that the traffic /kerbside & guttering and tree management officers are educated about these aims and willing to support them?

Robyn reported on the trip she and Michelle undertook to Tamarama Gully following the last Precinct meeting.

Council, in response to community concern, amended the suggested PoM for Tamarama Park and Beach: no seating in the gully, stopped the steps going all the way up, cancelled the picknick shelters. Stage 2: nothing has changed.