

# NORTH BONDI PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES OF 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012

### ST ANNES CHURCH HALL FROM 7.00 pm

#### 1. Present:

Eva Prochazka & Peter Quartly (8.25 pm) (Chairman), Neville Biffin, Angela Buvvill (8.08 pm), Narelle Callanan, Cr Joy Clayton, Juju Kalek, Harry Lewis, Martin Lipschitz, Julius Medgyessy,

Colin Reed, JP Saint- Clair, Charles Stanford, Bill Stavrinou, Dr Lien Tat-Medgyessy, Mayor John Wakefield (8.13 pm) & Cr Dominic Wy-Kanak (8.03).

#### 2. Apologies:

Lynn Anderson, Mel Banton, Marie Hoffman, Sandra Heilpern, Brent Makzimovich, Neil O'Hare, Brian Rheinberger, & Rob Pufflett

#### 3. Minutes from previous meeting:

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Passed.

#### 4. Guest speakers Political presentations:

##### a. **Charles Stanford (Independent)**

- i. Solicitor and North Bondi resident for the past 12years
- ii. Views and reasons for running
  1. Critical of council over the years
  2. Identified a lot of people that are also annoyed with council
  3. Council could be more proactive
- iii. Issues /platform / initiatives
  1. Illegal dumping of rubbish
    - a. encourage quicker pickup
    - b. more than 1/yr + 2 outcalls- encourage 2/yr + outcalls
  2. upgrade of Campbell parade – feels current state is poor and an eyesore
  3. more proactive promotion of business districts
  4. rates
    - a. no increases
    - b. more care in spending
    - c. no selling off of assets – discussion on Hugh Bamford 'depot'
  5. illegal backpackers

##### b. **Councillor Joy Clayton (Liberal)**

- i. Response to Charles's comments
  1. Disappointed in outcome at Hugh Bamford
    - a. Feels poorly sold by council
    - b. Stopped by misinformation and neighbour hysteria
  2. Backpackers
    - a. Lot of work done in education of tenants and bodies corporate
    - b. Encourages residents to log complaints with council and police
  3. Campbell Pde
    - a. Paver selection was advised by experts as the most appropriate
    - b. Mosaic furniture- very expensive, many people like it, some don't
- ii. Issues / platform
  1. Tunnels under bondi promenade

- a. In desperate need of repair – est \$500k for each of the 3
  - b. Discussion that these need to be funded by state or federal governments
- 2. Joy's Initiatives
  - a. Graffiti and bill posters
  - b. Share/community busses to assist with residents travel
  - c. Stormwater collection tank at South Bondi
  - d. Solar to the Pavilion
  - e. Upgrade of parks and playgrounds
  - f. Replacement of picnic shelters in Bondi Park
  - g. Additional Toilets in Bondi beach
  - h. Light rail
  - i. Safety check of coastal walk
  - j. Control of Tourist busses parking
    - i. Move off outside the area
    - ii. Turn off motors
    - iii. Pay for parking when driver leaves
  - k. Upgrade of heritage wall running along Campbell parade Carpark
  - l. Friends of Bondi Pavilion initiative to promote a 'colour palate' for Campbell parade buildings similar to Napier in NZ
  - m. Council's financial situation – well managed investments saved council from GFC where other councils suffered badly
- c. Councillor Dominic Wy-Kanak (green)**
  - i. Financial position of council
    - 1. This financial yr projected in January to be a \$50k deficit in the \$95m budget
    - 2. Revised forecast mid at commencement of financial year 12/13 – deficit of \$17k
  - ii. Issues / platform / initiatives
    - 1. Development
      - a. work to ameliorate impacts, and
      - b. focus on legal process
    - 2. Environmental / Ecological / Sustainability
      - a. Alternate sources of energy
      - b. Noted implementation of solar to the Heritage Bondi Pavilion
    - 3. 'Do Whatever I can to fight for the Community' - examples
      - a. Communications towers
      - b. Illegal businesses – dog grooming,...
- d. Mayor John Wakefield**
  - iii. Apologised for being late due to having to attend Wentworth courier forum at Bondi Junction
  - iv. Came to council 8 years ago and pleased to confirm most of his election promises have been fulfilled
  - v. Issues / platforms / initiatives
    - 1. Fore 40km speed limits that have been 50% funded by State
    - 2. More widespread pedestrian safety
    - 3. Dumped rubbish
    - 4. Restructured place management department to be more proactive on neighbourhood appearance
    - 5. More childcare places – additional 200 places over the next 3 years (50% increase)
    - 6. Playgrounds
    - 7. Parking
      - a. Remove payment for first residential permit
      - b. 15min free spots
      - c. More flexible parking schemes
    - 8. Pram ramps and pedestrian crossings
    - 9. Develop Roe Street (bondi Junction) for commercial

10. Shopping trolleys are now being limited to within the shopping centres, due to locking device on wheels.

## 5. Business Arising:

### A) **Transfer of O'Donnell St road reserve to park**

Mary (Council) has advised, after a follow up from the Chairman:

The October 2009 Council meeting received a Petition containing 61 signatures, the majority from residents of O'Donnell Street, proposing that the Reserve at O'Donnell Street and Frederick Street be named "Boomerang Park".

Council's initial response to the North Bondi Precinct highlighted the following:

- The Reserve already has a name and it is the 'O'Donnell Street Community Reserve'.
- Whilst O'Donnell Street Community Reserve, is referred to as a park it is actually a road closure.
- That the Geographical Names Board is unlikely to approve a name change if it is not supported by the local Council. Details of the process as set out by the GNB is available at <http://www.gnb.nsw.gov.au>

#### Further background to the issue

- At a Council organised Community Day at the O'Donnell St Community Reserve held on 17 October 2010 no further representations were made on this issue. This event was attended by the Civic Pride Coordinator.
- The Civic Pride Coordinator had planned to discuss the renaming issue at another Community Day at the Reserve scheduled for 3 June 2012. This planned discussion was in response to a question from Keith Taylor to the Civic Pride Coordinator. Unfortunately due to torrential rain this community event had to be cancelled. This event is to be rescheduled after winter for more favourable weather conditions.
- Whilst it is understood that the issue has remained on record at the North Bondi Precinct, no further requests on the issue have been received by Council Officers either directly or through the other work that is conducted by Council at O'Donnell St.

#### Process to rename the Reserve

In further, recent discussions with Officers from the Geographical Names Board as well as internal discussions at Council, it is clear that the process to have a Reserve renamed involves various steps and would include:

- extensive local community consultation
- reporting to a full Council meeting for consideration
- submission of any successful Council decision to the Board of the GNB for consideration

It should be noted that the Geographical Names Board is reluctant to change long established names but will consider proposals.

The process required by the GNB involves many different steps including extensive community consultation and reporting to a full Council meeting for endorsement of any recommended changes.

Council would in any case need to have evidence of broad community acceptance of this proposal before considering name changes.

As precincts are aware Council goes through an annual budget process and this request will be referred for consideration in the 2013-14 Budget process. However please note that Council will need to

consider any new requests for increased service delivery that requires additional funding.

#### **Installing a sign with the existing name for the Reserve**

Given that the current name of the Park is the 'O'Donnell Street Community Reserve', Council could assist in designing and installing a sign with the current name.

Council is committed to continually supporting the residents at this Reserve across a range of initiatives. Council has been involved with O'Donnell Street for a number of years and a summary of previous work in the Reserve follows:

- i. The Chairman expressed his disappointed after all these years of requests, the park already has a name and so a name change is more difficult
- ii. Mayor John Wakefield and Councillors Clayton and Wy-Kanak will support initiation of a Consultation process at council

#### **B) Illegal posters**

The Chairman has emailed our Local Member asking for support in having the law changed.

Is awaiting an acknowledgement.

#### **C) Footpath in front of 158 – 160 Ramsgate Ave - status of ownership of footpath**

The Chairman has asked Council.

Mary (Council) has advised:

Encroaching fence has been referred to Snr Planner for investigation.

NB the fence has been removed, however, the question is still relevant.

#### **D) Better parking for residents in streets with boats etc permanently parked**

No developments.

#### **E) 112 Blair St**

Dog/boarder house: Council is continuing to monitor the situation.

#### **F) Electricity boxes on footpaths.**

No developments.

#### **G) DA at 25 Knowles Ave Bondi and objection by Narelle Callanan at 27.**

The Chairman emailed our views to Council.

Narelle provided the following & it was **resolved to support her with respect to shadowing of the garden in winter & to the solar hot water system, (which would seem to be increasing unnecessarily increasing her carbon footprint).**

Alterations and additions including new first storey

Below are extracts from Council documents with comments objecting to the proposed DA

The dwelling is one half of a semi detached house on the northern side of its other semi detached on a block of approximately 240 square metres.

Because this semi has northerly light and sun it needs to respect Council's controls and also the amenity of the neighbours to the south.

*DCP 1.8 Solar Access The amenity of any building is influenced by the amount of solar access received.*

*(e) Minimise undue passive solar impacts especially for east west running blocks for properties to the south.*

This application reduces the winter morning sun by 3 hours to the vegetable garden, backyard, deck, skylights to living room, living room and solar panels on 27 Knowles Avenue and will shadow properties to the south especially 29 and possibly 31 Knowles.

25 Knowles has all north facing windows. 27 Knowles has none..but this proposal reduces the access to winter sun in the backyard..the only area with access to northern winter sun.  
It adds costs to the residents in those properties and reduces energy efficiency which is counter to virtually all government policies.

It reduces the amenity of the rear living areas.

It compromises the vegetable garden and the native plants which bring birds.

Sunlight is essential to health especially in winter when days are short and threats to health are present.

Suggestions to Council for minor changes which would not negatively effect the amenity of the residents of the subject site 25 Knowles Ave:

Reduce the roof and ceiling height and bulk of the upper storey through options such as sloping roof, moving to the east, reconfiguring floor plan.

While Council controls are to help in the planning process and are about buildings and streetscape it is principally about peoples' daily living.

We live in a community of semidetached and unit blocks within close proximity to each other. We need to be neighbourly and fair in sharing important sunshine.... It is for all our benefits and health.

**H) Traffic hazard at driveway between 101-109 Ramsgate Ave**

The Chairman emailed our views to Council.

John advised he has asked that it be attended to.

**I) 135 O'Donnell St collapsed gutter**

Both John & Joy actioned & it has been repaired.

**J) Abandoned vehicle (20/5) 96 Blair St**

The Chairman advised he walked by & it has been removed.

**K) Hastings Parade & Council refusal to have tree removed**

This matter was discussed & it was **resolved that we continue to support the resident in this matter.**

John indicated he did not feel it was appropriate for the NBPC to take such course of action.

The Chairman cited past examples where we have supported action to overturn both Council & Court decisions.

**1. Reports**

- a) Chairman's report (See attached)  
Tabled & adopted.

**d) Secretary**

Nil report, is on leave.

**c) DA Representative**

- Discussion on 25 Knowles Ave

- i) Now amended plans submitted – however still an impact on 'solar access'
- ii) Resident from 23 Knowles proposed further objection from the Precinct regarding loss of solar access

**Resolved such request be endorsed.**

**d) Traffic Representative**

a.) After raising the issue of illegal dumpsters, the Mayor John Wakefield advised he would request compliance review of standing skip/waste bins outside developments

b.) Angela raised & we **resolved to request review Dangerous crossing where bike path merges at North Bondi bus terminus**

c.) Angela raised & we **resolved to request review of parking around Nth Bondi bus terminus, where parking restrictions end at 6pm, resulting in all spaces being packed, and no opportunities**

for residents short stop to visit shops

- d.) **Resolved we request review of camber in the road in front of 284 Brighton Boulevards**  
e.) Blair street bike lane obstructed by double parking at child care centre – this is an old chestnut that has been raised for many years.

**Resolved we ask Councils compliance Officer to take appropriate action to stop the practice before someone is seriously injured.**

- f.) Noise and vibration issues in Mitchel Street have resumed

e) **Councillor's reports.**

See above.

2. **General Business**

**A) 30 HASTINGS PDE & ABANDONED VEHICLE (rego AOF94H)**

Mel has reported to Joy the above.

It is still there.

**B) 115 O'DONNELL STREET NO STANDING STREET SIGN**

It was advised it is on the ground.

The Councillors to chase up.(Joy did on 31/8 to Mark Wood)

**C) OSH ROAD NEAR FIRE STATION**

There is a street closed sign, advising no left turn, however, Warners Ave is now re-opened.

**Resolved we bring this to the attention of Council.**

**D) MITCHELL STREET & VIBRATION DAMAGE**

Joy raised that the street is again suffering from vibration damage as the slabs continue to move & deteriorate.

John indicated he believed the slabs need to be stabilised through be connected.

The problem is funding.

**Resolved we monitor & encourage Council to take appropriate action.**

**E) AUSGRID & ROAD REPAIRS**

There was discussion on why reinstatement of the roads was not occurring after it was completed.

It was suggested they were doing their own reinstatement, however, John advised Council was responsible for.

He further advised that the work cannot be done straight away, as the ground needs to be allowed to settle, before restoration is carried out.

It was asked why Council cannot keep residents apprised of time frames.

John advised Council is introducing a policy of doing so.

**F) NORTH BONDI SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB FLIER**

Tabled.

9. **End**

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

The Chairman advised if anyone had anything further to add to contact him & he would action. The meeting agreed to same.

10. **Next Meeting**

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