

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

11 November 2019

commencing 7pm Waverley Library Theatrette

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte
Apologies: Councillor Keenan, Sarah McCarthy
Councillors present: Mayor Paula Masselos, Councillor Angela Burrill

Minutes from 12 August meeting Motion to pass from Phyllis Fong.
Councillor Burrill asked that the minutes be adjusted to include an apology from her for that meeting as she had to cancel at the very last minute.

Matters arising

Letters of acknowledgement from Council to

- Precinct's letter re motion passed on Moriah College expansion and
- Precinct's submissions on the Draft Strategic Planning Statement and the Draft Local Housing Discussion Paper

Centennial Park report from Michael Ahrens

- Michael spoke to Planning Manager Geoff Reinhard who said that an application had been lodged with Government for funds to build the Queens Park pathway on the southern side of the park
- Design is finalised and can be seen on the Park's website
- Likely to cost around \$3m. Councils not contributing

West Bondi Junction proposed development update

- Mayor reported that the Planning Proposal had been approved by State Government, under delegation. Minister has been canvassed to remove the delegation and take control
- Minister had said previously that he would look at the issue of spot rezonings
- Some in the community have suggested there are some legal issues re the decision
- DA yet to be submitted
- Mayor reported that four Councils are in discussions to seek a SEPP for Centennial Park to protect it from large buildings being erected on its perimeter that could cause overshadowing and have a negative visual impact
- She reminded residents that Council had been fighting this proposal from day 1 and would continue to do so

Bondi Junction Cycleway

- Construction underway in Spring St, west of Newland St. Section east of Newland St to start in February
- Mayor questioned on whether Council was going to do anything about Bronka Arcade as once mooted. She reported that it is privately owned and no Council plans for it.

Moriah College proposed expansion

- Michael Ahrens explained that URBIS and Moriah College held a community forum in September that he and only one other resident attended. Residents were required to register.
- He reported that
 - the plan has been lodged with State Govt
 - another internal circuit road from York Rd is planned
 - URBIS reps said they would send a copy of the planning documents but haven't
 - School suggested that much of the \$90m projected cost will be spent on fitouts
 - Increase in student numbers would be over 10 year period and mostly in the Junior School. Buildings mostly for the Senior School

- Michael asked how many junior students come by bus.
- Residents can keep up-to-date through
 - <https://urbisgraphics.wixsite.com/moriahmasterplan> or tel 1800 244 863
 - NSW Planning - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/1474>.
Has facility for being notified.
- NSW Planning website has the detailed plan on its site but no dates for exhibition and submissions
- Andrew Stewart reported that he had received mail today saying that the EIS had been submitted
- Andrew has convened a group “The Queens Park Residents vs Moriah Overdevelopment Group” with an email address: QueensParkResidents@outlook.com
- Further to the Precinct’s previous letter, Councillors were asked to seek Council’s input on issues impacting the community, in a submission to NSW Planning on the proposed Moriah expansion.
- Mayor said that she is seeking a meeting with Moriah
- Some residents pointed out that Moriah’s complaints process had not been working as planned
- An MCCC meeting will hopefully be convened before the end of the year.

Council Community Forum

- Trial being conducted until the end of 2019. Constituents can address Council on any issues prior to Council meetings. Three minute limit. Three people at last forum.

General Business

- Long-term Denison St resident complained about Council erecting a No Parking sign in Rawson Lane, at the behest of a recent renter and without any consultation. Suggested already too many signs.
- Councillors indicated that Council can erect such signs without consultation but Mayor will check this instance with relevant Council office.
- Michael wanted to know if Children Playing signs could be erected in Newland Lane where many children play.
- A Birrell St resident complained about off-duty buses using Birrell St to return to depot. Should use Oxford St.

Mayor’s report

- Mayor intends to speak to Premier, Minister for Transport and State Members for Vaucluse and Coogee about the proposed **privatisation of buses** (apparently within 18 months)
- Region 6 and the Hunter where buses have already been privatised have shown it doesn’t work. Have been performance issues, on-time problems, worse punctuality, buses sailing past stops to try to make up time etc
- Waverley residents support public transport as shown by the campaign to restore the 378 route. Trying to also get the 361 and 389 routes restored.
- Will be writing to other mayors about the matter
- **Catastrophic fire rating:** Council rangers will be going out to parks to clear leaves. Will meet with SES to discuss preparations.
- **Boot factory** to be restored; design links it with Community Centre; DA to be submitted in next couple of months; likely space for innovative pursuits; business case will be prepared

Councillor Burrill reported that fencing for small park on corner of Cuthbert and Fitzgerald Streets that she had sought has been approved. A child fell onto the road. Upgrade of play equipment also being considered.

Next meeting: 17 February 2020