

Bronte Precinct Meeting

Monday 17 February 2020

7pm -9pm

Bronte Public School Hewlett Street Bronte

Welcome – meeting opened at 7pm

Councilor's in attendance: George Copeland and Tony Kay

November minutes accepted with some slight changes

November 2019 meeting, Cr.Kay gave his apologies for not attending this meeting and it was not recorded.

Reply to motion presented at November 2019 meeting re: footpath in Mirimar Ave. Not a satisfactory reply and will present again.

1. Sue Stevens–Waverley Council gave some information on the following

This motion was first put to Council April 2019.

“Council investigates developing Jessie Street reserve (cnr. Murray Street and Belgrave Street, Bronte) into a native food garden and indigenous learning centre to enhance local understanding of indigenous culture and increase indigenous employment.”

As Council staff do not have the skills to maintain native plantings, maintenance would have to be outsourced or skilled staff recruited.

Approximate cost: \$20,000 for planting and 12 months maintenance

- Some thoughts from the meeting: The location of the site presents safety risks that are not insignificant. Murray Street is a busy thoroughfare
- Perhaps a more productive garden could be planted

Annual General Meeting

Current Office bearers stood down CR Kay conducted the election for 2020

Convener: Alma Douglas

Secretary: Alexandra Ellis

Traffic Representative: Grant Beard

Development application Representative: Max Setz

2. Discussion points

- Bus Privatisation: Petition presented to State Parliament (6th February 2020) in opposition to this action. Meeting was divided, some for some against.

- Boot Factory Bondi Junction :

Proposal to make the Boot Factory an innovative space for business incubation and knowledge transfer, where ideas can be nurtured .The committee is considering an Innovation Civic Hall model. The space will be collaborative event venue programmed to bring people together. It will engage residents, entrepreneurs, inventors, artists, creatives, government agencies and not for profits.

Proposed cost: \$6.7 million

- Rates discount: Interest is charged if making a late payment so a discount could be applied to payments if paying full yearly amount in entirety?

Motion 1

Bronte Precinct request Council to consider a discount on rates payment when paying twelve months in advance.

Proposed: Alma Douglas

- Street scapes, how can they be improved?

Waverley Municipality is looking a bit untidy especially our back lanes. Bins are not being taken back into people's yards and are left permanently on the street. Belgrave lane is an example, spilled rubbish overflowing bins, maggots crawling on the road. Unsightly and a health hazard. Bronte Precinct put a motion forward to Council regarding this matter, in 2015, the outlook has not improved.

Motion 2

Bronte Precinct request council to make sure garbage bins are taken in to resident's premises, after collection, and not left in lanes thus creating a traffic hazard and health problems. Photos included

Proposer Alma Douglas

Reports

DA's

Waverley Bowlo to go ahead with development, as a consequence there will more congestion and increased Traffic.

16 Thompson st Tamarama: new DA approval, more traffic congestion during construction and water runoff on a steep slope

Police and safety

Our area is relatively safe in regard to crime. A new position has been created particularly in regard to domestic violence and assaults on the elderly.

Traffic

1. Proposed 40Km/h speed limit in Waverley. The meeting felt that there was not much consultation on this matter. Many examples were given as to how this would affect the flow of traffic in the area. State Roads are not included so this seems an ineffectual way to control traffic.

Motion 3: Bronte Precinct requests Council to note that it opposes the proposed 40km/h blanket speed limit on all streets south of Bondi road.

The 40Km/h, if implemented, should be limited to residential streets.

Through roads & main roads, such as Birrell Street, Macpherson St. Murray Street should return the current 50Km/h

Proposer: Grant Beard Seconded: Alexandra Ellis

2. Last year (2019) "bus stop" signs were installed in Alfred Street to replace the J sign because cars were parking closer than the legal distance of 10m in front and 20m behind preventing buses from pulling into the kerb. This was very successful.

However several months ago a box trailer was parked (legally) immediately in front of the forward bus stop sign, it has never been moved.

The trailer is high and wide. (photo attached). Although legally parked it blocks the view of the Alfred St. Birrell St. corner for drivers proceeding north in Alfred Street. Because of the width of the trailer, buses, once again, are not pulling into the kerb because of the difficulty of pulling out again. This causes the same problem as before for, elderly, disabled and prams, who have to step onto the road and walk to the bus, it also blocks traffic, particularly when cars are parked on the opposite side of the road

Motion 4

Bronte Precinct request Council to investigate the parking zone at the north/western end of Alfred street, at the corner of Birrell street, be made "No Stopping" 7am to 9am Monday to Friday, to facilitate traffic flow around the bus stop at the north-western end of Alfred Street.

Photos included

3. Nature strip planting and it's effect on ability to block drivers views, eg shrubs on verge Birrell And Tasman Streets (CR Kay put in a merit request 18 February, this matter will be solved by 3rd March 2020)

General Business

Environment levy: more information to be obtained

Public Forum trial at Council: information given

Meeting came to a close at 9pm
With thanks to all who attended