

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

Minutes of the Bronte Beach Precinct for Wednesday February 26th.2020

The meeting was held in the Lugar Brae Church Hall, Bronte, at 7.30 pm and opened by Chair Virginia Milson

Present: 30

Councillors Present Burrill, Keenan and Mayor Masselos

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion to adopt proposed by Greg Vaughan seconded Susan Hely
Unanimous approval.

The Chair and officeholders stepped down inviting Rhonda Furner to chair the meeting for the election of office holders.

The following were re elected .

John Batts and Virginia Milson as Co Convenors with Susan Hely, Greg Vaughan, Michael Hudson, Sally Kendall, David Shrimpton, Andrew Goffe and Roger Rajaratnam.

Special Guest David Babineau, Divisional Secretary, NSW Tram and Bus Union spoke about the privatisation of the bus network throughout Sydney. He noted that the network has been privatised in Newcastle which has resulted in little consultation with the public and removal of some stops, children being left behind at bus stops and the service has become less reliable with buses not running on time. The inner west in Sydney has been privatized resulting in services being undermined and a similar experience to that of Newcastle. All bus routes are subsidized both public and private .The STA was excluded from tendering for the privatisation of the service in Sydney and Newcastle. David predicted that with further privatisation services would suffer ,small services not generating profits would be stopped and some bus stops will be removed resulting in longer distances between some stops.

David was thanked for his presentation.

St.Catherine's Development

Chelsea reported that there had been concerns expressed that there had been improper handling of asbestos on site however, the committee was assured that there was no issue. The bus stop in MacPherson St. has been moved further east and it was planned to close the street off for a day to install a large crane on site. She advised that the next meeting of the School Committee was April 25th.

Vicky Bachelard of Council's Sustainability Dept. reported on various environmental initiatives adopted by Council. These included an accelerated action by Council to reduce carbon emissions including switching to cost effective lighting and reducing energy use in buildings.

Development News : Greg Vaughan reported that Council had a conciliation hearing with the applicant from 1 Marroo St. resulting in the objectors not being able to voice their concerns to the Commissioner. The result was the applicant received approval from Council for a subdivision into two properties on the one title.

Councillor's Reports Mayor Masselos reported that she was keen to have street closures for street play for the children living in the street. Application forms were available from Council and insurance would be covered by Council. She further advised the meeting that the Bronte Beach village was almost completed, there was to be an Ocean Lovers Festival at the Bondi Pavilion in March and a SEPP for Centennial Park is being developed in conjunction with Woollahra and Sydney City Councils to prevent excessive heights of buildings around the Park.

Councillor Burrill mentioned Sculptures by the Sea and advised that plans for another five years for the Festival had been agreed to and Waverley's LEP and DCP strategic plans were in the pipeline.

Councillor Keenan noted that Council's budget position had improved by \$13,000.

Background Virginia Milson expressed concern over cars parking in driveways overhanging into the footpath and endangering pedestrians, particularly local children who were forced into the street and potentially into the paths of cars. Many of the cars were so big the drivers could not sight the children leading to a very dangerous situation

Background

Concern has been expressed by residents in Yanko Ave. that cars regularly overhang from private properties blocking the public footpath. This prevents children using the footpath which therefore forces them into the street. This is a very dangerous situation as the

children are small and many cars have become large and don't necessarily have reverse warning systems. As a result drivers cannot necessarily see children from their cars as they reverse.

Motion

BBPrecinct requests that Waverley Council urgently enforces restrictions on irregular car parking that intrudes onto pedestrian footpaths ,blocking access by children,elderly pedestrians and others as they move around the suburb.

Proposer Greg Vaughan Seconder Andrew Goffe

Passed unanimously

A resident from a nearby Precinct expressed concern over the safety of children outside 47/49 Gardyne St. where she feared her grandchildren could go over the side and end up in the street when riding their bikes.

It was agreed that the neighbours and Council would consult to establish plantings which would act as a barrier to pedestrians and bike riders in the event of their leaving the path.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm