

Bondi Precinct Minutes

Wednesday 16 February, 2022

By Zoom

Meeting opened at 7.04pm

Councillors in attendance: Clr Dominic Wy Kanak, Clr Leon Goltsman,

Council Representatives: Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-Ordinator

Convener: Gabi Tobias

Apologies: Clr Michelle Gray

Participants: 13

Di Robinson informed the meeting that Gabi Tobias was unable to take part in the Zoom meeting because of work commitments and had asked Di to stand-in for the evening.

Welcome

Di welcomed the attending Ward Councillors and congratulated them on their election at last year's Local Government Elections.

Acceptance of minutes

Moved: Rex Walsh

Seconded: Annie Parnell

Carried

Overdevelopment

Di invited Clr Wy Kanak to give Precinct attendees an update on a Mayoral minute passed at the last Council meeting (15 February 2022) pertaining to overdevelopment and its impact on the local community.

Clr Wy Kanak told the meeting that the Mayoral minute, titled *The Lived Experience of Overdevelopment*, would gather information submitted by the community about the cumulative impacts of overdevelopment, including socio-psychological and resilience impacts on residents.

Clr Wy Kanak said The Mayoral Minute also requested Council officers investigate the establishment of a Community Planning Advocate position within Waverley Council. The role would look at a broader appreciation of overdevelopment rather strict bricks and mortar controls which would hopefully be considered in the planning process.

Clr Wy Kanak told the meeting the Council's Social Impact Assessment Plan would likely be presented at the next Council meeting which hopefully would make it easier for the community to not only make direct submissions about planning controls, but to look at the social psychological and resilience impacts of overdevelopment.

The meeting thanked Clr Wy Kanak for his input.

The meeting also discussed the difficulties of local communities fighting developments that were outside Council's control.

Motion 1

Bondi Precinct writes to all Waverley Councillors asking them to resolve to write to the Minister of Planning/Premier, as a matter of urgency, to request that the DPIE restores Council's legislative powers to enable local decision making and to uphold the LEP and DCP and in doing so respect and restore the rights of local communities and considers a joint Waverley/Woollahra/Randwick/Sydney City Council submission to the Minister to the same effect.

Moved: Rex Walsh

Seconded: Annie Parnell

Carried

DA Update

DA-552/2021 – An update was given on the development proposal at 26-32 Hall Street.

There was a lengthy discussion about this DA and the broader issue of tree protection and root management systems in the public domain. (NB: The item will be included on the agenda of the next meeting.)

Motion 2

Bondi Precinct opposes **DA-552/2021** on the grounds it is an extensive overdevelopment of the site, exceeds height controls, will detract from the village atmosphere of Hall Street, does not comply with traffic conditions and involves the removal of an important canopy tree.

Moved: Annie Parnell

Seconded: David Skerman

Carried

DA-313/2021 Forest Knoll still under assessment

DA-268/2020 Wellington Street development has been approved

Parking

Tight parking in Bondi was discussed, and the number of large, residential multi-storey developments planned for the area which will put hundreds more cars onto the roads.

The Beach Parking Scheme was also discussed, and concerns were raised that Queen Elizabeth Drive was becoming a carpark and not meeting the needs of the community.

Motion 3

Bondi Precinct requests Council officers review and investigate the current use of beach parking, whether Queen Elizabeth Drive is being used as a long-term parking lot and whether the Beach Parking Scheme meets the access needs of resident beachgoers including the elderly, disabled and children.

Moved: Jacqui Feeney

Seconded: Rex Walsh

Carried

Traffic and transport

The precinct was provided a history to the proposed Barracluff Avenue traffic calming trial and failed attempts by the community to get traffic counts conducted before and after the trial in surrounding streets so the impact of the measures could be properly assessed.

Motion 4

In light of undertakings given by our newly elected Ward Councillors in the lead up to last year's Local Government elections, Bondi Precinct requests that traffic counts be conducted in streets surrounding Barracluff Avenue before and after proposed traffic calming measures are introduced. The surrounding streets include: Wellington St, Lamrock St, Francis Street, Rickard Avenue and Sir Thomas Mitchell Road.

Moved: David Burgess

Seconded: Anne Parnell

Carried

The precinct was told the closure of Rickard Avenue was a long-standing issue in the community. It was closed without any community consultation in 2020. Since the closure there have been repeated requests for angle parking in the street which has not progressed.

Motion 5

Bondi Precinct requests our Ward Councillors consider a revision motion aimed at re-opening Rickard Avenue as a public road which was closed in 2020 without any community consultation. Bondi Precinct representatives seek a meeting with all Ward Councillors on this issue.

Moved: Lynne Cossar
Seconded: Shirley Alexander
Carried

Mapping Bondi

Motion 6

Has Council conducted or does it intend to conduct a hydrology study and geological study of the Bondi Basin? Bondi Precinct believes this is an important issue given the amount of large-scale development currently underway and in the pipeline.

Moved: David Burgess
Seconded: Shirley Alexander
Carried

Public Assets

The meeting was told there is concern about public space and land being taken over by various organisations and developments.

Motion 7

Bondi Precinct reiterates its opposition to the hiving off of public land – including streets, parks, council assets and land – for commercial or single purpose uses.

Moved: Annie Parnell
Seconded: Jacqui Feeney
Carried

General business

Next meeting: TBA

Close Meeting: 8.34pm