

## **Diamond Bay Precinct Committee November 17.**

Kimberley Reserve

### **David Spicer – Chairman and Minute Taker**

**Attended** by 18 residents and Councillors Sally Betts, Miriam Guttman-Jones, Leon Goltsman, Mayor John Wakefield. Council officers Lorna Bussell and Dan Joannides, **Minutes** of June 2011 meeting and September 2011 meeting were accepted and Waverley Council's response to them was read and discussed.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

**\*Motion 5.** Regarding accident records on Military road Dover Heights on the sharp bend just past George Street - The Roads and Traffic Authority has installed rubber strips to monitor speed and traffic flow at this stretch of the road. Local residents have witnessed a number of accidents there over the last year (although not all have been reported to Police). Chairman David Spicer notes with thanks the letter written to the State Transport Minister by our very clever precinct member Ron Nothman to facilitate this. Precinct awaits with interest the results.

**\*\* Motion 8** Replace two missing Banksias in young Street. One was replanted as there was not enough room for two.

A resident at the meeting confessed to 'pruning' the former Banksia tree here in the past. She said a weeping bottle brush is more suitable – as the banksia grows too large and blocks views. Strong opposition to the practise of 'pruning' trees was voiced by another resident and opposition was also voiced to trees being removed to protect views.

**Motion 13** Comment from a local resident that the muddy pools of water remain dangerous at Lancaster road and George Street Dover Heights coastal walk. The white pipe at this point needs to be attended to as it is a non compliance issue.

### **New Year's Eve preparation.**

Presentation from Lorna Bussell on New Year's Eve preparations at Dudley Paige Reserve. Similar arrangement to previous years – but there is now also an alcohol free zone in surrounding streets.

### **Burge Street Update.**

Divisional Manager Dan Joannides formally responded to the precinct's motion at our September meeting – by presenting a discussion paper on the South Head Cemetery Retaining Wall.

(PLEASE ATTACH THIS TO THE MINUTES)

In summary:

It stated that option 1 to relocate the sandstone wall and retain all trees would cost \$1,300,000 to \$1,400,000, would not protect cemetery allotments, is expensive and would only 'fix the problem' for 20 years.

Option 2. Partial reconstruction of wall, new footings and retain all trees. It stated this would cost \$550,000, does not protect cemetery allotments, has heritage risks, extended disruption to residents and would only 'fix the problem' for five years.

He stated that some sections of the wall will collapse within a few years if nothing is done. He said the trees will destroy cemetery units if they are not removed. He said council could spend \$1million and then come back in 20 years and have to do it again. He said the preferred option of his department is to remove the trees, repair the wall and plant 16 Tuckeroo trees along the length of Burge Street. Those trees are currently in Lamrock avenue and Jacques Avenue – Bondi.

Councillors in attendance were asked how they are likely to vote when it comes to Council in December.

Mayor John Wakefield said the trees have to go but he is not entirely happy with the alternative put forward by Council officers.

Councillor Sally Betts said due to the danger that a collapsing wall could present to the public there was no alternative but removing the trees.

Councillor Miriam Guttman-Jones was undecided.

Councillor Leon Goltsman said he wanted more information but was leaning towards supporting the tree removal option.

The following motions were passed.

**This precinct reaffirms its request made in the meeting in September for Council to provide a detailed costing of the five year impact of removing the trees on root decay and soil subsidence.**

( That is will removing the trees cause the ground to subside and damage the allotments)

Moved by Christophe Bailhache seconded by Joe Murphy.

Passed by 5 – 0. 13 did not vote.

**This precinct reaffirms its opposition to the removal of the trees.**

Moved by Fernanda Rodas. Seconded by Christophe Bailhache. Passed 8 – 0. 10 did not vote.

**If the Council resolves to remove the trees then the precinct's preferred option to retain as many of the existing trees as possible – particularly those on the corner of Burge and Old South Head Road and Burge and Young Street.**

Moved by Tiffany Murphy. Passed 12 – 0. 6 did not vote.

**Further resolved that if the council goes ahead with this option that it include understory planting along Burge Street.**

Moved by Christophe Bailhache. Seconded by Tiffany Murphy. Passed 14 – 0. 4 did not vote.

**Proposed Wine and Tapas bar 767-771 Old South Head Road.**

A representation was made on behalf of the Save Christison Park Action Group about concerns that this business is about to become a wine and tapas bar.

The action group stated that night-time trading would present problems including the potential for anti-social behaviour such as young people ' pissing and falling over' after they drink there. Also the lack of parking is a challenge.

There was concern from one resident about potential mixed use at the site such as teaching children arts and craft skills and also drinking at the same venue.

There was confusion about what is the status of any application for changed use at the site. It was also pointed out that drinking is permissible at other nearby restaurants. No motion was passed on this issue.

**Traffic Complaints.**

A resident noted that on Military Road – just down the hill from Old South Head Road – approaching the intersection of Kimberley Street there is a white painted road line that has faded. As a result '60 or 70%' of trucks cut the line. Request that the line be repainted and yellow reflectors be installed.

Meeting closed at 945pm.