

MINUTES

BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING OCEAN ROOM BONDI PAVILION 5 NOVEMBER 2018

7:00PM to 9:00PM

Meeting opened: 7:10pm Chair: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and Apologies

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and pay respect to their Elders past, present and future. We are proud to live in a country with the oldest living culture in the world and acknowledge the important role all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within Australia and our community.

Apologies: Deputy Mayor Dominic Wy Kanak, Peter Drakakis, Cr Leon Goltsman

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Acceptance proposed: Paul Paech Seconded: Lea Hill

3. Business Arising

None

4. BONDI PAVILION

Joy Clayton provided a comprehensive update, having been on the stakeholder committee, itemising changes including improvements to the toilet facilities in the Pavilion and elsewhere along the beach. She told the meeting that the proposed plans had been an excellent outcome and thanked the other committee members for their excellent work, which the meeting endorsed.

5. REJUVENATING PRECINCTS

Lenore Kulakauskas provided an update on the proposals which had been developed by Bondi Beach Precinct Committee and presented to a special meeting of Combined Precinct in September 2018 plus a follow up on 6 December 2018. As well as the three models provided discussed at that meeting, a fourth model had been developed. Cr Clayton said she had not been informed of recent meetings of that committee and asked about the time-frame for Council to respond to motions from local precinct committees. Former Sydney City councillor and now Bondi resident Michael Mobbs said precinct committees are a vital forum for Council to connect with local residents. Philippa Sanfall suggested that Precincts could connect with local residents by displaying reports from meetings and about local issues in public places around Bondi. The meeting endorsed the proposals and the chair was thanked for her contribution.

6. BEACH ROAD HOTEL update

The new manager of the Beach Rd hotel Nigel was not present, but the chair provided a report, including an update on the current application. Cr Clayton said that residents have repeatedly not been consulted about the BRH's activities and observed that the head of the Liquor Accord in Bondi Beach was a previous licensee of this hotel. Residents were advised that the manager can be contacted at nigel@beachrdbondi.com

[Since the meeting, notice has been received from Council that the hotel had amended its application regarding first-floor capacity and other matters. This had been due to be heard by LAEC on 29 and 30 November 2018 but is now delayed. Submissions should be sent to Council are open until 26 November. Residents are urged to send any photos/reports/footage that will strengthen our case to both Council on dasubmissions@waverley.nsw.gov.au quoting DA-626/2002/F and to Council's solicitors Wilshire Webb Staunton Beattie (9299 3311) and Nicolette Schrader Legal Administrative Officer Building Waverley. More details can be found on Council's on-line tracking tool for DA-626/2002/F.]

7. BONDI BEACH POST OFFICE:

Paul Paech provided an update on the proposal which WDAP had deferred at its meeting 25 July 2018, principally for reasons relating to the heritage value of the property. He said that since then the DA had been the subject of very minor amendments to the proposal, and said that the

Precinct had provided a substantial letter of objection which called on Council's Development & Building Unit to develop a completely new report on the project, arguing that there were flaws and failings in the original report that had resulted in the WDAP rejection of the recommendation at the July meeting. The meeting was urged to make its position known to Council and to publicise the threat which the DA proposed to the quality of community life at Bondi Beach.

8. WELLINGTON STREET TENNIS COURT DA:

Gabbi Tobias reported that she had not had any new information about the proposal and suggested that the revised proposal had probably been approved.

9. SCULPTURE BY THE SEA (SxS):

As the meeting was being held several days before the end of SxS on 11 November, residents expressed their opinion on the 2018 event. Overwhelmingly, the meeting was enthusiastic about the annual event, calling it extraordinary and outstanding. But there were a number of serious concerns around the organisation, arising from the number of visitors and especially their arrival in private cars. The following were suggested

- extend by a week to accommodate the popularity it has achieved;
- get people out of their cars, through better public transport planning
- a Traffic Management Plan is urgently needed (like City to Surf)
- ensure that SxS was held to a make-good clause for damage, especially to Marks Park.

The Mayor indicated that as the contractual relationship between Waverley Council and SxS was being negotiated over the next few months, this was a good time to ensure that suitable terms were agreed for the event to balance the joy of the event with the inevitable disruption to local residents.

10. UPDATES ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BEACH FROM MAYOR WAKEFIELD:

Crs Wy Kanak and Goltsman were not present.

The Mayor advised that there were major upgrade plans in place of the whole of the public Bondi Beach zone. He told the meeting that it was exceptional that both the mayor and the deputy mayor of Waverley were currently from this area, and that as a result, the proposed work was finally making up for many years of neglect. Among these projects were

- re-landscaping of Campbell Parade (he observed that this had been envisaged some 20 years ago and the budget for this had been approved, but the work had not been initiated until now)
- Bondi beachfront:
 - Wally Weekes pool works
 - pavement works at North Bondi
 - handicapped access improvements
 - Bondi Pavilion project (which had already been discussed by the meeting)
 - new toilet and shower amenities along the beachfront
 - landscaping at South Bondi
 - Bondi Beach Surf Bathing Club redevelopment
 - changes to Council's works depot

One resident observed that Council should consider removing doors from all women's showers as the privacy they afforded increased the length of time an individual spent showering.

Mayor Wakefield also said that Council was working on a new perspective for Bondi Beach which would differentiate and protect the residential zones from the different values of the main tourist areas and said that Council's extensive architectural mapping project would contribute to this.

Michael Mobbs suggested that Council could codify the various architectural subsidies that might be available for protection and maintenance of heritage properties.

The Mayor told the meeting about proposed revisions to Council's Tree Management Policy and urged residents to attend the information sessions (at Bondi Beach's farmers market on 10 November 10am-1pm) and to make submissions.

Meeting closed: 9:00pm

Paul Paech Acting Secretary, Lenore Kulakauskas Convenor