

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

Minutes of the Bronte Beach Precinct for Wednesday May 13th.2020

The meeting was held by Zoom in lieu of the scheduled meeting for May 6th.

Present: Executive members including Michael Hudson, John Batts, Susan Hely, Greg Vaughan, Virginia Milson and Andrew Goff

St.Catherine's Building Works

Chelsea Hunnisett attended a meeting at St.Catherine's school on behalf of the Precinct on April 21 to get an update on the construction process and other issues.

She noted the following:

A large crane was being installed on the Mother's Day weekend with resultant road closure for a day on the 10th.May.

Excavation has to be undertaken with resulting noise which should last approximately one month.

There have been problems with neighbours as they have worked beyond 6pm however, the builder Richard Crook advised that the site has to be left safely before finishing work, which is why the work beyond 6pm took place.

Richard Crook heard grievances from committee members about communication. It was noted that the information drop to neighbours was not successful with many never receiving the flyer including Chelsea. Richard agreed to chase up this issue.

The bus stop has been moved to further down McPherson St. and they are considering a second driveway from McPherson St.

Covid 19 - there has been minimal disruption to the building programme.

Richard Crook are committed to no work on Sundays, though they do have development approval to do some if their timetable is blown out with delays.

There was concern expressed over trucks arriving at the site an hour before the start of work at 6am and then looping around the streets causing disturbance to neighbours as they waited to start. The builder responded that there are onsite cameras and the trucks can be identified. He undertook to caution those drivers who have adopted those practices.

Chelsea was thanked for her report.

Bronte Surf Club Development

Andrew Goffe reported that the Mayor had advised him that the rebuild of the Clubhouse was to be a two stage process with comment on the initial sketch plans sought from the residents and the public via Have Your Say on the Council's website and various consultations including with the Precinct. This will be followed by the second stage with detailed plans which will also invite comment from the public.

The sketch plans do not show any internal plans, resulting in those commenting having little idea as to what is planned for the internal spaces. It was noted that room is needed for teaching nippers but there is concern that there could be considerable space reserved for entertaining which will be of interest to many of the local residents.

It is further understood that a detached amenities block will be located further west near the barbecue area, Access to the Club's boatshed will be underneath an extended elevated walkway so the public footpath will not cross paths with the launching of surf craft. The kiosk and the observation station of the Council's lifeguards remain attached to the main Clubhouse. Andrew Goffe has undertaken to draft a Precinct response to the first stage of the consultation.

Questions remain as to what the overall floor space is and how large an area is to be used for entertainment and fund raising.

Development News :

Greg Vaughan advised that he and Virginia had corresponded with the Chief Judge of the L&E Crt. Brian Preston Over 1 Marroo St. expressing concern over intimidation of objectors by developers. The Judge contacted us recently advising us that he would let it be known to both developers & the Commissioners alike that it was not acceptable to intimidate objectors.

The meeting was advised that 1 Marroo St. has just been sold for \$3.6million.

Street Trees

Virginia Milson advised that she had been told by a close neighbour that a street tree in Yanko Ave. had been poisoned. Added to this was a statement on Development Alerts by residents of Francis St. Bondi that street trees were poisoned there.

It was proposed that a letter be written to Council (the Mayor and Emily Scott) expressing concern over the loss of such advanced trees and that Council take action by erecting signs and not removing them but making them safe. A majority agreed with this approach.

Bronte RSL MacPherson St. Bronte

Virginia advised that she had received a letter from Council advising that the Waverley Panel had passed Woolworths application for a Metro store on this site. The meeting was advised that many believed this would spell the end of the two convenience stores and affect the vitality and charm of the existing Centre.

Michael Hudson was thanked for his work in getting the Zoom meeting off the ground.

The meeting started at approximately 11.30pm and finished at 12.50pm.