

# Combined Precincts Meeting

Wednesday 12 March 2014

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Waverley Council Chambers

Corner Bondi Road and Paul Street

6.00pm to 9.00pm

## MINUTES

**Chair:** Lenore Kulakauskas (Bondi Beach Precinct)

**Councillors in attendance:** Ctrs Tony Kay, Joy Clayton, Leon Goltsman, Bill Mouroukas,

**Council Officers in attendance:** Arthur Kyron, Cathy Henderson, Maree Girdler, Linda Bathur, Dan Joannides, Carly Tremble, Mary Shiner, Rachel Jenkin.

**Precinct Executives in attendance (with voting rights):** Alma Douglas (Bronte), Ron Nothman (Dover Heights), Karin Brennan (South Bondi), Bob Williamson (Penkivil), Simon Swifte (Queens Park), Juju Kalek(North Bondi), Peter Lynch(Bondi Junction), Danny Caretti (Charing Cross), Gabi Tobias (Bondi), Michael Boland (South Bondi), John Batts (Bronte Beach), Peter Quartly (North Bondi), Bill Stavrinis (North Bondi), James Szczepanski (Penkivil), Ludovico Fabiano (South Bondi), Mora Main (Charing Cross), Mary Tanner (Bondi Beach), Ericka Van Aalst (Diamond Bay/Vaucluse).

**Apologies:** Mayor Sally Betts, Clr Angela Burrill, Mary Doyle (Penkivil), Dov Frazer (Dover Heights), Joanne Jakovich (Bondi Beach), Colin Seeger (South Bondi).

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No	Item	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting commenced at 6.00 pm</li><li>Lenore Kulakauskas as Chair of the meeting acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. Lenore then welcomed all and asked for introductions as there were new members present. Lenore welcomed all Council Officers present. Apologies were noted.</li></ul> <p><b>Nominated Voters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was noted that no Precinct was represented by more than two voters, so everyone could vote.</li></ul> <p><b>Confirmation of previous minutes (13 November 2013)</b></p> <p>The minutes were confirmed. Moved: Alma D Seconded: Simon S</p> <p><b>Business Arising:</b></p> <p>The response report to the motions was tabled and discussion followed.</p>	

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	<p><b>Motion 5 - The drop-off zone on Spring St at the entrance to East Gate.</b></p> <p>Alma D asked Dan Joannides if Council had collected statistics on the number of vehicles misusing the drop off zone. Alma expressed concern about the level of accessibility for frail aged and people with a disability who rely on the drop-off zone for access to the shopping centre.</p> <p>Dan J explained that no data had been collected, but parking officers reported seeing cars parking in the zone for longer than allowed on a regular basis.</p> <p>Ron N suggested installing a CCTV camera at the location to collect evidence of people abusing the zone.</p> <p>Cathy Henderson informed the meeting that the Community Safety Committee were currently working on a CCTV strategy for Waverley, and suggested referring the matter to that Committee.</p> <p>Lenore K asked if parking officers could ask drivers to move on or issue infringements. Dan J responded that parking officers did move drivers on and gave warnings, but did not give infringements.</p> <p>Dan J then explained that the zone has already been changed to No Stopping.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> That the question of possibly installing a CCTV camera at the Spring St location be referred to the Community Safety Committee. The purpose of the camera would be to collect evidence of people abusing the drop off parking zone. Moved Alma D Seconded Ron N</p> <p><b>Precinct Review Committee</b> Simon S gave an update on the Precinct Review Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The PRC met on 4 March 2014 and 4 out of 6 members were present. (hence no quorum)</li> <li>• The PRC thought it would be good to remind Precinct Executives of the Recommendation endorsed by the CPM re the AGM process. It may be useful to all as AGMs for 2014 are held. (see below for relevant Recommendation which Simon spoke to in detail).</li> <li>• According to the Precinct Policy, a PRC Committee needs to appointed at the first meeting of the Combined Precincts in each calendar year and serve for a period of 12 months. The Committee bar one rep was appointed last March, hence Simon advised that it is time to reappoint another committee at this meeting. This item is listed under General Business.</li> <li>•The request for possible amalgamation of the Bondi Beach and Bondi West Precincts was also discussed at the March PRC and it was agreed that it be referred to the March Combined Precincts meeting for further discussion.</li> </ul> <p>Simon then went on to explain that in addition to checking the Precinct Policy re AGM guidelines, the following should also be taken into account when conducting Precinct Committee AGMs.</p>	

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	<p><b>Resolution re AGM process (carried at the November 2013 CPM)</b></p> <p>Agreement was reached on the following and it was suggested to recommend to CPM that for the conduct of a Precinct AGM, the following be adhered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Returning Officers need to be appointed and briefed and can be</li> <li>- Convenors/secretaries from other Precincts, Councillors , Precinct members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Registration desk needs to be established with sign in forms, precinct maps and voting cards</li> <li>- A different colour voting card is to be used and issued to business voters once the meeting has allowed the business vote</li> <li>- In the event of a long standing Precinct Executive being challenged, Co-Convenorship (sharing the position of Convenor) is to be offered. If not accepted then the vote/ballot should proceed as per usual when more than one candidate is nominated for a position.</li> <li>- The number of positions can be increased by nominating additional positions from the floor and putting it to the vote.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Arthur Kyron - General Manager - Introduction</b></p> <p>The new General Manager of Waverley Council, Arthur Kyron, introduced himself to the Precinct reps and informed them that he is interested in attending each of the Precinct Committee meetings in the near future to engage in open dialogue around local issues.</p> <p>Arthur explained that he was currently in the process of meeting all internal and external Council staff. He then informed the meeting that he is values driven. When he goes about his work he adopts a positive, inspirational and caring approach.</p> <p>Arthur went on to highlight his priorities for Council; that he would like to see Council conduct its work with a 'can do' attitude. He also wants to improve the ease with which the community can do business with Council.</p> <p>Arthur then thanked the meeting for their time and left the meeting at 6.30pm.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Dan Joannides – Divisional Manager, Technical Services – New Residential Parking System (RPS) – impact on residents</b></p> <p>Dan gave a presentation on the proposed improvements to the Residential Parking System. He gave a detailed power point presentation with many questions asked by attendees. He also covered the new visitor parking permits.</p> <p>Overall it was agreed that Council had developed a good system which will have positive outcomes for the community.</p> <p>A copy of the power point presentation is available.</p>	

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<b>4</b>	<p><b>Linda Bathur – Divisional Manager and Rachel Jenkin - Acting Customer Service Manager – New Customer Relationship Management (CRM) System</b></p> <p>Linda referred to a detailed power point presentation in explaining the new CRM. Her presentation was followed by questions and discussion.</p> <p>The new CRM will replace the current Service Desk system and will enable the generation of reports on issues raised in specific Precinct areas. End user training is available if anyone requests it.</p> <p>Linda thanked the meeting and advised she is available to answer any further queries or questions as the CRM goes live.</p> <p>Cathy Henderson left the meeting at 8.14pm.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p>a) Appointment of the Precinct Review Committee (PRC) -March 2014/15 Nominations for the PRC were called for and the following nominations were received and accepted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alma Douglas</li> <li>- Simon Swifte</li> <li>- Peter Quartly</li> <li>- Lenore Kulakauskas</li> <li>- James Szezcpanski</li> <li>- Peter Lynch</li> <li>- Mora Main (alternate)</li> </ul> <p>All voted in support of the nominees and the motion was carried. The PRC consists of 6 members with one alternate rep as listed above.</p> <p>b) Possible Amalgamation of Bondi Beach and Bondi (West) Precincts</p> <p>Lenore K spoke to this item followed by Gabi T. They explained that they have been finding it hard to attract Committee members, in particular with regards to Bondi Precinct. Possible reasons for this being the small size of the Precinct. It was also highlighted that both Precincts often experience an overlap on the issues that arise, requiring them to work together. The CPM was asked for their feedback on whether it was a good idea to merge the Precincts.</p> <p>Maree G commented on the process. She highlighted that Precinct meetings had a history of experiencing recessions as well as revivals, and that these quiet times are normal. Maree suggested that Council could support the Precincts in building interest and numbers, but ultimately it was the Precinct Committee's decision, however if the Precincts do decide to merge, it would have to go through Council.</p> <p>Other suggestions/comments from the Combined meeting included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ludovico F suggested they consider holding joint meetings from time to time, instead of merging - he would not like to see a reduction in the number of Precincts in the LGA.</li> <li>- allocate more time into growing membership if resources allow</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peter Q saw the merging of the two Precincts as an unfavourable move as he feels the focus on the smaller, localised issues will be lost. Gabi T clarified that this was not the aim of amalgamating the two Precincts, but rather to garner interest, not lose focus on the local issues.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that a trial combined meeting of both Precincts be held with a report back to the next CPM.</p> <p>c) Community Safety Advisory Committee</p> <p>Peter Q gave an overview of the items currently being addressed by the Community Safety Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCTV in Bondi Junction</li> <li>- Bidigal Park noise and antisocial behaviour</li> <li>- Camping at Ben Buckler</li> <li>- Increase in theft at Bondi Beach</li> </ul> <p>Lenore K stated she will be raising the Bidigal Reserve issue with the Liquor Working Group.</p> <p>d) New retirement village in Woollahra</p> <p>Erica V A spoke about the level of concern raised by residents in regard to the proposed retirement village on a site that is adjacent to Waverley residents, but is in Woollahra. The development has been assessed by Woollahra Council and residents would like to now see and comment on the Construction Management Plan. Mary Shiner advised the meeting that she had followed up this matter with Woollahra Council and no Construction plans have been submitted to date and that a s96 application had been lodged and was being assessed. The contact details of the Senior Planner at Woollahra Council have been provided to Ericka with this update.</p> <p>Further contact with Woollahra Council is the way forward on this issue. Vaocluse Precinct will follow this up.</p>	
7	<b>Next Meeting Chair: Ludovico Fabiano (South Bondi Precinct)</b> <b>Next Meeting:</b>	
8.	<b>Meeting closed: 9.10pm</b>	