

Minutes of meeting of the Rose Bay Precinct held on line via Zoom on Monday, 1 March 2021:

- Chairperson:** Bruce Woolf
- Attendees:** 10 residents registered to attend via Zoom plus Committee members; Sanday & Woolf
- Councillors:** Cr. Sally Betts, Cr. Will Nemesh and Cr. Steven Lewis
- Apologies:** Julia Hatsatouris
- Minutes:** Chairperson Woolf reviewed the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2 March 2020.
The Minutes were read and accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes (and Agenda).

No Matters arising.

Agenda:

1. Guest Speakers from Council:

1.1. One Way Proposal

Calum Hutcheson, Senior Manager, Transport and Traffic and Paul Cai, Traffic Engineer.

Their subject was on the 'One Way Proposal' road system for Gaerloch Avenue & Dellview Street Bondi.

And,

An alternative pedestrian route between Bondi and Tamarama Beach.

The ideas for this proposal came about via the success of the temporary One Way Traffic flow that was introduced for the duration of the Sculpture by the Sea,

And

The need to better manage the volume of people on the Bondi to Tamarama beach walk.

It is not feasible from a cost/infrastructure point of view to widen the Coastal Walk so the one way traffic system implemented full time could solve two issues.

Some residents in this area were happy with the one way traffic system and were OK with it continuing, however some residents were not.

The Council letterbox dropped 1,772 dwellings to gain their views, with a closing date of Feb 28. Incorporated into this proposal is the idea to improve the pedestrian crossings within this one way zone and surrounding area. The changes to pedestrian crossings would also serve to improve the 'walkability experience' for residents all year round between Bondi and Tamarama.

Resident Susan Swiller, from Dellview St raised her concerns about the proposal saying that she didn't see any real benefits for residents and that the one way system would encourage high speed traffic. She also didn't see the connection with the Coastal Walk. She said that there was no data on the traffic volume and no justification for the change. Mr Swiller said that he didn't see the connection between the improved pedestrian crossing ideas and the proposal for the one way traffic. He thought that they could be implemented independently of the one way traffic proposal.

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1.2 Onslow St Reserve Upgrade.

Stephen Smith, Landscape Architect, advised the meeting that under the Council's Play Safe Strategy, the reserve in Onslow St was the next to be upgraded. It is mainly used by 0-8 years old. The Play Safe Strategy identified that Council should be using 'Exploratory in Nature' play spaces.

Arborist report and site survey were done. Based on these reports Council will put play equipment to the rear of the park for more safety as the residents felt that current equipment was too close to the road and presented a risk to the children; more shade and more trees was also planned for as well as a new bin enclosure and rubber softfall.

Council is currently seeking feedback from residents, a site visit was schedule for Sat. 20 Feb for residents for meet with Council and review draft concept plan.

Cr Betts asked if a water bubbler was to be installed. Stephen Smith replied that under budget restraints a bubbler would not be installed.

Both Cr Betts and Onslow Street Rachel Tanny advised that they had not received notification about the site visit. Resident Tanny also raised concerns about moving the proposed grass area to the front of the new design as this could result in a ball being kicked onto the road.

Resident Nadine Brooks and regular user of the park spoke in favour of the upgrade and the proposed changes. Cr Nemesh highlighted the work of resident Julia Hatsatouris who had been pushing for the upgrade and helped identify park items to be upgraded and/or replaced.

Cr Nemesh also mentioned the idea of park signs being displayed in languages other than English to help those particular residents.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

No Matters arising.

3. Traffic & Parking

3.1 Military Road – new pinch point widening. Cr Lewis has been advocating the widening of Military Road at identified pinch points, with 3 nearing completion. With the use of culverts buses and cars can now pass unimpeded with residents less prone to damage from passing traffic.

3.1 Chalyer Street traffic. Cr Lewis assisted residents to get a petition to Council regarding traffic problems in the street. The Council resolved to prepare a report identifying options to improve the amenity and relieve congestion in the street.

The report will consider a number of things including widening the road for parking between driveways (without interfering with the depth of existing driveways, constructing recessed parking bays, installing passing bays without reducing parking spots, limiting the size of vehicles, using Chalyer St installing traffic calming measures and possible reducing the speed limit. In addition Council will look at the ingress and egress to Chalyer St and OSH Rd and Dover Rd.

Resident Mark Rotentstein from Beaumont St mentioned that similar traffic flow calming initiatives were also needed for Beaumont St.

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Resident Rachel Tanny highlighted the traffic issues on OSH Rd mentioning that some days it is backed up to Dover Rd. She also asked for an update from Cr Steven Lewis on some ideas that had been submitted previously regarding the traffic flow off OSH Rd.

Cr Lewis replied that OSH Rd is managed by the RMS and that some of his ideas were not taken up by the RMS.

4. Development Applications

4.1 DA at 53-57 Beaumont St

Bruce tabled the Dispute Submission written on behalf of Rose Bay Precinct objecting to the proposed development of 11 seniors units across the sites of 53-57 Beaumont St. Bruce called for the ratification from the meeting for the Submission. The meeting ratified the Submission of 7 February 2021.

Cr Betts thanked Bruce for the Submission on behalf of Rose Bay Precinct, Cr Betts said that there had been a lot of objections. Council refused the DA and has now gone to Land and Environment on appeal and the matter will go to court. There will be a Section 34 call over. Council officers are quite concerned about the size of the development.

23 March is the first that it will be in court. Bruce asked if Council wants residents involved at that stage it goes to court.

Cr Betts advised that there are other examples of DA's exploiting a loophole in the Seniors SEPP which the Council is fighting. CR Steven Lewis confirmed that Council is gearing to fight this issue.

Cr Betts advised that unfortunately Beaumont St wasn't the only type of DA taking advantage of the Seniors SEPP and that Council was already in court over similar oversized DA's.

The state government has been alerted to the situation and hopefully changes can be made to the SEPP. To date it is costing the Council a slot of money in legal fees.

Cr Lewis confirmed Cr Betts comments that Council is going to strongly fight this situation. Basically these type of DA's are trying to build large oversized multi-unit developments in an R2 Zone.

4.2 DA for SOOS Bakery

Cr Lewis advised the meeting of a very large DA submitted for the site of the old SOOS Bakery, cnr of OSH RD, The Avenue and William St (opp Newcastle St).

This DA would involve demolishing part of the old bakery, (cnr OSH Rd and The Avenue), the building next door, (cnr OSH Rd and William St) and the three storey units at the back of the old bakery. Very large multi storey development which the Council will be strenuously fighting.

Thank You

The residents of the Rose Bay Precinct would like to express their THANKS to the Council staff for their time tonight.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.29pm