

Minutes of Bondi (West) Precinct Meeting - Monday 23rd June 2014
(A combined meeting with Bondi Beach Precinct)
Held at 3rd Floor Waverley Council Chambers

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Chairpersons: Gabrielle Tobias & Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome: We acknowledge this land as the traditional lands of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People of Australia, and specifically the Kadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We respect their spiritual relationship to Country and acknowledge the Aboriginal Elders both past and present.

Apologies: Cr Wakefield, Cr Wy Kanak, Alex Pappas, Maria Gerakiteys

2. Guest Speaker: Arthur Kyron General Manager Waverley Council

The new GM advised that there has been a reshuffle of Council with the previous 4 departments now combined into 3. 25 staff have also been let go.

He gave the following analogy to demonstrate his new concept:

At a demonstration a presenter took a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He

started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

http://www.appleseeds.org/Big-Rocks_Covey.htm (BBP website reference) The three new departments are outcomes based and are:

1. Waverley Life
2. Waverley Renewal (incl infrastructure)
3. Waverley Futures.

The GM wishes to unclutter, deliver programmes more easily, take care of assets, revitalize the area and encourage a healthy community. Arthur specifically mentioned Bondi Beach as being of international significance, and advised he was happy to talk to the community via coffee chats etc. He emphasised the importance of interaction with the community.

The GM advised that he was happy to hear from residents. His contact details are: Ph 9369 8056 email gm@waverley.nsw.gov.au

3. Light Rail postscript: Peter Monks Director Planning and Environment - Peter was unable to attend and will present at a later date.

4. Minutes of Previous meeting were handed out, read and accepted.
Proposed David Gravina, seconded Diana Hanaor

5. Business Arising

- a) Waverley Council Response Report was read
- b) Bondi Precinct would like to invite a representative from the RPS (Resident Parking Schemes) to present to the precinct at the next meeting

6 105 Wellington St Tennis Court Update

This submission has proceeded to Gateway and a decision will be made by 30th June. Our State Representative Gabrielle Upton (member for Vaucluse) sent a letter to our Planning Minister, The Honourable Pru Goward, dated 2 June 2014. Ms Upton requests Minister Goward step in as the relevant consent authority and dismiss the planning proposal for the Wellington Street Tennis Courts. Ms Upton also includes the Notice of Motion she moved in Parliament reiterating her opposition to the planning proposal.

There was a concern by many for a review of the Gateway process as it only benefits the applicant.

7. NYE Update

See BBP minutes

8. Removal of significant street trees

See BBP minutes

9. Off street Parking I congested parking areas

Motion 1

The Bondi West Precinct would like to enquire if there has been a change in policy for private parking? We would urge Council to resist the residents pressure to provide hard stand parking and or garages at expensive of public car spaces

Proposed: Paul Paech Seconded Lenore Kulakauskas. Votes 5 for 2 against

10. Alcohol Issues: Bondi Courthouse Bar & Grill; Bar 34 (34' South)see BBP minutes

11. Art Deco update

see BBP minutes

12. DA issues

DA approval for ANZ bank building on Hall St to be 5 stories. Developer applied for 6 but was approved for 5. The building heights continually creep up. Cr Clayton said council's decision is based on merits of individual cases.

It was determined that a sub-committee be set up in regard to Hall St's future. A strategic plan for Hall St is a possible way forward. It should be ensured that the message sent is based on 'what do residents want?'

13 General Business

- The Precincts thanked the Waverley, Lawson Councillors for coming to the meeting
- Bondi Pavilion Plan of Management update POM evidently back from State Govt - LK to find out date it will be put out for public comment
- Community objections have been raised to the parking sign in the middle of the Lamrock, Campbell Pde roundabout. Advice received from Cr Cusack that this will be removed.
- There was mention of the roundabout on Wellington and O'Briens Sts that had just been painted is already badly marked and whether its appropriate to be wasteful in this regard
- The Meriton site submission on Wellington St has not come up yet. The applicant has deferred so no submissions as this stage.
- Many residents mentioned how the meeting was far more interesting to have a joint meeting with Bondi Beach Precinct.

Meeting closed at 8.50.