

## **SOUTH BONDI / TAMARAMA PRECINCT MEETING**

**Wednesday 27 September 2017,**

**Waverley Council Chambers**

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The meeting opened at 7.30pm

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Ludovico Fabiano, welcomed all to the meeting; residents introduced themselves to get acquainted with one another. Councillors Tony Kay and Dominic Wy Kanak as Deputy Mayor attended the meeting. Ludovico announced that for the Waverley Ward we have two new Councillor, Marjorie O'Neill and George Copeland, who he hoped would be able to join the precinct meetings in the near future.

#### **Apologies**

Councillor George Copeland.

Councillor Marjorie O'Neill

Resident – Gwen Bullivant

Ludovico had had an apology from outgoing Ward Councillor Bill Mouroukas who thanked Ward members for the support given to him. Ludovico had expressed his thanks to Bill Mouroukas on behalf of the Precinct for the assistance and support Bill had given to residents and Precinct during his time on Council. Councillor Kay apologised that he hadn't been able to follow up on Precinct issues for this meeting due to recent family commitments and bereavement.

### **2. Previous minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of 28 June 2017 meeting were circulated. After some time allocated for reading, the minutes were confirmed unanimously as a true record of that meeting.

### **3. Development Applications**

The DA for 8 Jackaman Street and the approval of the demolition of the Federation home as Complying Development under a State level planning instrument was discussed. Councillor Tony Kay outlined how Complying and Exempt Development work, they have to meet certain criteria, if they do they get approval. Dominic Wy Kanak reported that Council under John Wakefield, newly elected Mayor, is setting up a new Committee which will examine in more detail the planning process within Council. There might be room for more pro-active assessment on how developers tick the boxes for individual developments.

The view was expressed that Council should raise with the State Government the concerns of the community in regard to developments and should lobby for the change of current laws. Private certification raises issues – conflict of interest. Council should act as a community advocate and raise with Government the issues residents raise. The new Council committee might be more pro-active, keeping an eye on private certifiers and the way they tick boxes.

8 Jackaman Street: while demolition has been approved there is a 4 month window to demolition. Residents could lobby local State members or the responsible Minister during that time. The local

member is Mr Bruce Notley-Smith, member for Coogee. A copy of the letter written to the local member could also be sent to the Minister responsible, this could be an impetus for the local member to act. Politicians will react to 'noise'.

Michelle suggested we write such a letter, Dominic agreed to assist if required. It was reiterated that consultation on development was part of the law, however the law currently by-passes consultation; it is an erosion of democracy and the Government benefits financially from these developments. The two weeks consultation period is insufficient. Community consultation is effectively by-passed and Council should lobby on behalf of the residents.

It was decided that residents would write a letter. Michelle will take the lead.

**Motion:**

South Bondi/ Tamarama Precinct asks Council to recognise the current Community consultation process is chronically flawed and is destroying our local community. We ask Council to advocate on the following issues:

- Against developers paying for their own private certifiers – conflict of interest
- Two week window for consultation is insufficient
- Lack of empowerment - effecting undesirable public amenity
- Lack of local government community empowerment is devaluing the public interest of the local community
- That the 8 Jackaman Street situation be a case study for similar developments in our local community.

**This motion was passed unanimously**

Dominic excused himself at this point as he had to attend another meeting. He was looking forward to continued involvement through his vice-mayoral role and will follow up issues with his Councillor colleagues.

**4. Traffic Issues**

The question was raised whether there were any plans to increase buses along Bondi Road during the coming summer months. Tony Kay reported that Council had looked at this and had already approached Government on this issue.

**5. General Business**

The question of making Boonara Avenue a one way street going north was discussed. A petition would have to be lodged with Council, Council would then have to take it up with RMS. Tony reported that apparently a petition was already under way to make Boonara Ave a 'Turn Left only' street at Bondi Road. It was up to residents what they wanted to do and present a petition to Council.

Additional traffic lights on Bondi Road were discussed. Installation of traffic lights is a State government matter.

Council procedure in regard to illegal dumping of material at the road side was discussed.

Karin reported on a Community meeting at Waverley Police. She highlighted issues of pilfered mail -identity theft; theft from dwellings; car safety.

Tony Kay raised the new share bikes business, he'd noticed a user just dumping a bike across the footpath which was dangerous. As this was a new enterprise it was agreed this might be an issue of public education; the wearing of helmets and disposal of bikes on public land including rivers was also discussed. Residents agreed it is a wait and see issue.

There being no further general business, Ludovico thanked residents and Councillor Kay for their attendance at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.