

VAUCLUSE/DIAMOND BAY PRECINCT MEETING

Kimberley Reserve Hall, Military Road, Vaucluse

Sunday 10th March 2019 at 10am

DRAFT MINUTES

Chair/Convenor: Allan Aaron

Secretary: Lawrence Yeung

Traffic Representative: Neta Labi

Greening Representative: Suellen Bassetti

DA Representative: Gabriel Pallo

Attendees: Clr Sally Betts, Clr Steven Lewis, Clr Will Nemesh, Clr Leon Goltsman, Phil Drake-Brockman, Cody Aaron, Basil Kaplan, John Murphy, Lana Herodes, Fernanda Rodas, Bronwyn Brown, Ivan Kaplan, Judi Hall, Mark Puterflam, Ivy Puterflam, Elizabeth O'Connor, Denis Cebolli, Roy Levin, Denis Shoetz, Sally Yeung, Vallie Mullins, C.A. Jammerle, Eleanor Murphy, Viv Iee, Hillary Goldsmith, Norman Lippa, Dov Samuel, Nicole Grieve. Judy Thomas, Irv Selby, Yvau Nakache, Julie Nakache, Patrick Mullins, Eva Basser, David Caldwell, approx. 5 others not recorded in the attendance sheets

NSW State Election Candidates : Miriam Guttman-Jones, Independent, Meghan McEwin, Greens, Deb Doyle, Animal Justice Party,

Apologies: the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, Liberal, Lenore Kulakauskas, Labor

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Opening of the Meeting	The meeting commenced at 10am. Mr. Aaron welcomed the attendees, in particular elected councillors and the State Election candidates. He noted apologies from the candidates who could not attend. Mr. Aaron introduced the key themes of the meeting - improving our local environment, outlining what the committee has been doing. He thanked Council and Councillors for their support and interest in the Precinct activities.
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting and AGM election	Mr Aaron noted that the minutes of the AGM of 25 Nov 2018 in which the current Precinct Executives were elected had been circulated. He moved that these minutes be taken as read and adopted. Moved by Cody Aaron, seconded by John Murphy and passed by a show of hands.
3	Convenor's Report	Mr. Aaron outlined the events in the last few months under the different topic items on Clarke Reserve, Boats/Trailers, Overdevelopment and Road conditions.
	DA Rep Report	Mr. Pallo mentioned the significant DAs as attached to the minutes. 621 Old South Head Road approved DA resulted in reducing the original 11 apartments to 10. 671 Old South Head Road, the old CBA site would be demolished and a building with underground car park erected.
	Greening Report	Ms. Bassetti mentioned the Norfolk Pines, the Norfolk Hibiscus and a Banksia outside 13 Craig Ave were dead. The red bark around these trees were removed and so were the pebbles around the trucks. Complaints on the issue of inappropriate trees planted on the 13 Craig Ave nature strip were made, and the Council replied it would respond in due course.

	Traffic Report	<p>Ms. Labi described the issues of the Old South Head Road and Diamond Bay Road intersection. Different options were discussed, such as a round-about, speed bumps, marked lines on roads, removing car park spaces on OSH road to provide better visions. OSH road is Road and Maritime Service responsibility, and Clr Lewis mentioned the Council is to meet on the matter.</p> <p>Clr Lewis mentioned that he had proposed the development of parts of Military Road to reduce “pinch points”.</p> <p>The meeting welcomed suggestions on changing conditions to improve traffic flow and congestion.</p>
4	Clarke Reserve Playground	<p>Mr Aaron was pleased to advise the Hon. G. Upton had informed the Precinct the State Government was to provide an additional \$100K to upgrade the Clarke Reserve in addition to the budgeted amount previously approved by the Council. The Council will undertake further consultation on the use of the additional funds and the Precinct committee sought input on how best to spend the additional funds. Previous precinct meetings and consultations with residents had raised the prospect of additional improvements (e.g. merry go-round and shading) and the urgency of effecting the upgrades. As a consequence, the Precinct Committee had presented to Council (26 February 2019) a submission on the use of the additional funds which Mr Aaron summarised at the meeting including the Precinct’s request that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Progress with its proposal to implement a suitable garden barrier (b) Share with the Precinct Committee its plan to review the effectiveness of the garden barrier over 12 month period following its installation (and be prepared to commit funds to address any identified deficiencies) (c) Share with the Precinct Committee its signage plan (d) Share with the Precinct Committee its plan to increase ranger attendance (e) Share with the Precinct Committee its plan to educate dog owners regarding the on-leash status of the reserve (f) Consult with a sub-group of interested residents regarding an additional item of play equipment to be installed (g) Consider installing a water bubbler, a small picnic table and a suitable dog restraint facility (h) Consider installing shade cloth or improved natural shading in line with the Precinct’s recommendations (i) Consider the cost effectiveness of removing the coastal shrubbery. <p>Having summarised the proposal, the meeting was asked and did ratify the submission by a show of hands.</p>
5	Boats/Trailers	<p>Mr Aaron noted that the ongoing issue of boats and trailers parked for extended periods on the eastern side of Young Street had not been resolved. Council had undertaken a recent survey on its proposal to restrict parking on young street and all streets to the east of Young St but this was overwhelmingly rejected by residents. Mr Aaron suggested that the proposal was ill-conceived and did not address the fundamental questions of whether the vehicles were registered to local residents and why a proposal to restrict parking to only during limited windows (per Woollahra Council’s restrictions on O’Sullivan Street) was not considered. The meeting was asked to express whether they wanted the Precinct committee to continue to press this issue and they confirmed their desire to continue to make this a priority.</p>
6	Over-development	<p>Mr. Aaron informed the meeting the Precinct Committee continues to raise residents’ objections to over-development within our precinct to little avail. He</p>

		noted that VDB is the second most densely populated Precinct within Waverley. He raised the suggestion that the Committee is considering approaching Council to argue for a more active role in Council's periodic review of planning instruments including practical assistance to provide this input. The meeting approved of this response based on a show of hands. Clr. Betts offered to liaise between the Council and the Precinct.
7	Road Condition	Several residents raised their concerns about the condition of some of the Precinct's roads. The Convenor noted that the maintenance of many of the roads is the Road and Maritime Services responsibilities.
8	Meet the Candidates	Mr Aaron informed the meeting that the Precinct had invited the NSW State Election candidates to address the meeting on their policies. Ms Upton (Lib) and Ms Kulakauskas (Labor) were late withdrawals as a result of conflicting party responsibilities. As a result of their withdrawals, Mr Aaron invited them to send a statement to be read at the meeting, which he did. Three other candidates - Ms. Miriam Guttman-Jones Independent; Ms. Megan McEwin, Greens; and Ms. Deb Doyle, Animal Justice Party spoke and took questions from the meeting.
9	Closure	Mr Aaron noted that the next meeting will be towards the end of June. There being no further business, Mr Aaron closed the meeting at 12 noon.