

CHARING CROSS VILLAGE PRECINCT

ZOOM Meeting

date: 21st February 2022

Present: Julie McAlpin - Chair, Mora Main - Minutes, Danny Caretti - DA rep, Kate Marshall, Nigel Harvey (committee members), Steve Bodnar (Police Liaison rep)

Bronwyn Guthrie, Matt Spears, Mark Paul, Oliver Smith, Olafur Einarsson, Shaun Anderson, Jeremy Leibman, Gavin Allen, Stephanie Innes, Ian Rafter, Warren Cohen, Sue Mahoney, Jennifer Jungheim, Julia Lynch, Nichola Adams, Alice Telford, Brigitte Cusack, Gavin Allen

Apologies: Mayor, Cr Paula Masselos, Cr Angela Burrill, Kerry Pinkstone

Welcome new Councillors Ludovico Fabiano, Tim Murray; Cr Tony Kay

1. Meeting started 7.05 pm
2. Minutes of meeting of 29th November 2021: short meeting after Candidate forum.
Moved Nigel Harvey, seconded Mora Main. Adopted

3. Charing Square Planning Proposal

Third time this has appeared, Precinct has leafletted, 800 signatures on petition, liaison with Legion Club, DC described Precinct submission to council; Peter Aston, Legion Club president, confirmed club position opposing the proposal, not involved or consulted by proponent. Tim Murray would like a summary of numbers involved, investment by the community. Matt supported the proposal. A resident identified problems for Carrington Road frontage, lives on west side, concerned about loss of sunlight and solar access to PVs on the roof, generally decreased light. Has made joint submission with neighbours. FSR over double WLEP allowable, big traffic problem already, schools' congestion, walking, safety, intersection blocked. Another resident commented that Bondi Junction's heritage has been lost and is now just plaques on the ground, Charing Cross is still here and can be developed within the rules.

MOTION 1: That Council notes and supports Charing Cross Village Precinct's position and recommendations as articulated in the Precinct's submission to Council in relation to the Charing Square Planning Proposal"

Moved MM, seconded DC: adopted

MOTION 2: Charing Cross Precinct calls on Council to make strong representation to the NSW Dept of Planning to reduce or remove the spot rezoning Planning Process from the planning framework. Any rezoning should be considered in the routine 10-year WLEP reviews. Moved MM seconded JMcA, adopted

4. War Memorial Hospital: liaising with Council staff re status: problems associated with treatment of residents, threat to environment corridor, difficult timing for the community submissions over the holiday period.
ACTION: Status of 99-117 Birrell Street to be checked with Council
5. St Catherine's school: Community Consultative Committee (CCC) meeting with school staff, construction managers. 4-year project, now Theatre and Aquatic Centre almost complete. Bondi Beach rep has left committee, need replacement. Opening will change local traffic nights and weekends awaiting Council approval to relocate pedestrian crossing, can't get Occupation Certificate without it. Need Compliance officer rep from Council. Moving into monitoring phase. School

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can't hire facilities out to external suppliers, (except 2 existing users including Paddington Public School. Must have no net increase in traffic - Traffic report concerns about accuracy of information. It is a fact that 60% of all students driven to school. A resident living in the vicinity has requested Rangers particularly for 2.45 - 3.15 pm period; parking all over the place. Elderly person could not exit the driveway because of a school parent refusing to move. Need to keep educating them. School needs to talk to parents - said they are doing a mail-out. School has bought 9 Leichhardt Street large mansion corner Leichhardt Lane. Report any traffic and parking problems by mailing charingcrossprecinct@gmail.com.

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7. Community Safety Committee report: Steve Bodnar. No formal Precinct meeting with the pubs and clubs to report; 17th Feb 2022 Community Safety zoom, Sen Constable Peter Woodward, Det insp Gretchan Atkins, concerns people walk out of the pubs onto the streets, calling Ubers from outside, shouting, exiting Charo at 2 am, Robin Hood at midnight. Raised issue of organising a pickup point. Vehicles speed through the intersection, 50 km/hr from corner of Darley Road, Charing Cross is high traffic / pedestrian intersection, may need to reduce speed limit on Carrington Road.

Noise complaints from the area are highest in NSW, 21% increase in sexual assaults, developers harassing residents - report to police - they want more information. Motor vehicle and thefts etc all down. Alcohol offences to come to next meeting. Report non-urgent crime, 7 in 10 house break-ins are with their own keys. Elder abuse, JMcA and SB have had some communication with the management of the Charing Cross Hotel; considering a re-think of how to engage with hotels, noting more licensed premises coming to the centre.

8. Charing Cross Streetscape upgrade: letter from Council about planters to replace dilapidated old planter boxes to be removed. New planters are about "local villages beautification". Peter A - suggest keep existing planters till upgrade under way. BJ gardens are not maintained already, McPherson Street have replaced planters which kids were using.

MOTION 3: That Council provides an update in relation to the Charing Cross Streetscape upgrade and

"That the existing planters are retained until there is action on the streetscape upgrade" moved PA, seconded Gavin Allen; adopted

9. DA report:

Philip House nursing home DA-94/2021 319-320 Bronte Road, DC addressing WLPP on Wed 23rd Feb, problems with boarding houses becoming micro units for young professionals, rather than affordable units for over 55's. Bondi evidence. Precinct has asked for regular monitoring and regular liaison. How have they dealt with existing residents of the home?

DA-58/2022 - application for strata title; approved as Affordable Housing (DA-262/2018), now to be Strata titled: Needs to be investigated. Will look at original DA

Other DA's

328 Bronte Rd, Glenferrie Cellars, former Commonwealth Bank seeking license
49 Henrietta St

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17 Salisbury St

21 Seaview St

309 Bronte Rd

4 John Street

4 View Street

11 Campbell Street

2 High Street

34 Henrietta Street

War Memorial Hospital - awaiting site specific DCP

249-251 Bronte Road Charing Cross. DA-38/2022. New DA for the Funeral parlour requests expansion from its existing space at 249 Bronte Road through a wall into adjoining space at 251 Bronte Road, within the Heritage "Heads Building". Building backs onto Judges Lane

MOTION 4: The Charing Cross Precinct requests a Council report on the Condition of Consent requiring satisfactory completion of a 2-year trial period at the time when the DA was approved for 249 Bronte Road. The business has been largely inactive through the pandemic. Any monitoring of the trial period would not reflect normal operation and should be re-imposed. Moved RB, seconded MM, adopted

10. Other business

a) Prospect Street – vehicle high speeding: suggest report to the police.

Ludovico to take to Waverley Traffic Committee. Regular event, recommend take photos if possible, enquire about proposals for traffic calming to be rolled out by Council.

b) John Street, one way to Carrington Road (ie eastwards) many vehicles turning in from Carrington heading westwards.

c) Waverley Bowlo: note high price of units, approved as seniors living over 55s

Comment: Problems with strategic planning and development across the whole LGA

d) Judges Lane at Bronte Road: entry / exit request from resident Gerry Braddon at 1 Judges Lane:

Recent popularity of cafes in Bronte Road has seen many customer vehicles parking close to, or even across, the entry / exit of Judges Lane to Bronte Road.

MOTION 5: That the Charing Cross Precinct requests Council to arrange for painting of white lines or other suitable paint markings to indicate a No Parking Zone at Bronte Road to maintain a clear opening for Judges Lane residents and other vehicles to drive in and out easily and safely. Moved JMCA Seconded PA, adopted

11. Precinct film night:

launch of three videos Wednesday 16th March 2022 7-9 pm at the Legion Club.
RSVP to Facebook [charingcrossprecinct](https://www.facebook.com/charingcrossprecinct) or charingcrossprecinct@gmail.com

12. Next meeting: may be face to face! 20th April 2022

13. Meeting closed: 9.09 pm