

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

**at Magnolia Healing Centre**

**Old South Head Rd, Rose Bay – 7:30pm**

**Apologies: Michael Schnabl**

**Attendance: Mayor, Cr John Wakefield, Cr Betts, Cr Goltsman, Cr Guttman-Jones , Lorna Bussell (Council), Scott Spiers(Council), Anna Tolich(Council), Mary Shiner(Council) and as signed in.**

**John Lewis: Meeting Chairman (JL)**

**Michael Lewis: Secretary (ML)**

**Meeting commenced at 7:35pm.**

**Agenda**

**Lorna Bussell – NYE Dudley Page and Caffyn Park**

Dudley Page run on back of Bondi Beach

Discussed Clearways and Alcohol Free Zones

ML: Mentioned inappropriate clearway in Military Road, which he raised last year.

JL: Last year of current contract for organisers.

**Children's Bicycle Track in Dudley Page Reserve**

Scott Spiers – Anna Tolich Council

Advocated by former Councillor Coburn – for small children.

After consultation – Presenting Revised Plan –Large Figure 8 with landscaping etc. Matching funding received. No other track in Waverley.

Presented a Site Analysis and discussed number of submissions and advantages and constraints.

JL: Questioned distance from nearest house/road to track – 15metres.

All shrubs – greening proposed

Rachelle Gentin: Neighbour – too close and possibly noisy. – no proper consultation.

ML Completely back to front - should have asked about the concept first.

JL: Can it be guaranteed that if people don't want it, proposal would not go ahead.

Cr Betts: Officer just doing his job. Councillors started the process.

This was a suggestion for a "little bike track".

Dov Fraser: Should have brought idea to precinct BEFORE the process had started. Discussed funding – half from Council was coming from "gateway signage".

Mary Shiner: Money coming into Dover Heights.

Paul Wilmot: Track is proposed in area which is the main entrance into the park for tourists.

Tracey Isaacowitz

Issue with children crossing in a dangerous part of Military Rd

Ron Nothman: Mary Shiner sent email about plans. Replied with detail to Scott. In favour of track but against where planned. Talked about a previous track in North Bondi which was well used but extremely noisy.

Current plan much too close to residences. There have been many past issues with the park intruding on residents. Current plan's location is completely inappropriate. Should be where the cricket pitch is. Also too close to road. Also blocks access to maintenance staff and tourists. Any plantings will affect residents across Military Rd. Should be in north end where steep slopes actually protect children from the road. Further from any houses.

JL: Is there a structural reason other than cricket pitch for not being placed at northern end.

Vote: Good idea bike track in Dudley Page? For 10

Not 10

No Opinion 2

Mayor JW – Proposal for bike track is poorly placed, though in favour of track in Dudley Page. Said he would not support design. Current design “does not have legs”

**Motion: DF, ML DH Precinct is opposed to bicycle track in Dudley Page Reserve.**

**For 11**

**Against: 13 Motion Lost**

**Motion DF ML DH Precinct oppose plan in its current location – Carried**

**Motion DF JL DH Precinct proposes that plans be moved to northern end of reserve and create fresh consultation and form a bicycle track sub committee. – carried**

Sub committee: Ron Nothman, Rachele Gentin, Dov Fraser, Tracy Isaacowitz

Mayor : Can move current plan to northern end and then recommence community consultation.

Suggestion: PW DF Track be designed North of Pump House

Scott can redesign quickly.

Mayor: Must check with traffic pitch people, check if pitch is moveable/deletable. Once officer has worked all this out, then consult for 19<sup>th</sup> December. Consultation will include changes.

JL: Consultation should be extended.

Mayor: Consultation never finishes – will go on right up to Council vote.

Cr Betts can you have alternate locations by 4<sup>th</sup> December?

Scott: Three possible scenarios – current one, mid and north.

Come to meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

DF: Amended plans should be brought to a precinct meeting.

Cr Betts: original intention was for young children.

Leora Turtledove : Parents of young children need to be close.

**Petition Lodged with Council for placing of Roundabout at corner of Military road and Dover Road**

JL: Several years ago a committee looked at all of the intersections of Military Road – three intersections Military/Blake, Military/Dover and Military/Loombah.

Results were current changed at Blake, Dover and Loombah.

Believes that current arrangements are safe.

George Sofer: Neighbour : Petition was filled in on City to Surf day. He and another neighbour wants current barrier arrangement to stay. Cats' eyes missing from strip and white colour has faded.

**Motion: G Sofer: DF, Council maintain status quo – ignore petition and replace cats eyes and repaint barrier and replace stop sign on Dover Rd (north) be replaced. Unanimous**

Resident: Bus shelter at Blake St, blocks pedestrian view of road when crossing.

**Rodney Reserve - Full size soccer field suggestion – upgrading – bleachers, toilets etc**

Cr Betts: Nothing went ahead then. Suggested that meeting be held with residents. Maccabi interested in more soccer fields. At time, no Council funding. Unsure whether it has moved forward.

JL: Suggested that a sub committee w.r.t Rodney reserve be created to find out before thing happen  
Mark Coughlan (chair), Melanie Jacobson, Shelley Watson.

**Sydney Water Vacluse Sewerage Diversion**

JL: Discussed prior plans including tunnel under Dover Heights to Bondi STP – involving a lot of boring and blasting when dolerite dykes were encountered. Not confident about any damage to housing being repaired. Talked about campaign against this plan. The last consultation finished and then the plan was dropped.

Cr Betts: State Govt has allocated some funds.

Peter Cappe – Mentioned article in October Wentworth Courier. Rang Gabrielle Upton's office and got same handout. Stage 1 – Sewerfix completed, Stage 2 Outfalls planning to be completed end 2011. No consultation. First proposal was in 1993. Six years ago, rose again – also dropped for budget reasons after a vigorous campaign. Back on drawing board. Proposes a pre-emptive committee be created, to keep up with developments. Peter Cappe, (chair) , John Lewis, Paul Wilmot, Dov Fraser, Ron Nothman.

**Motion: PC, PW DH Precinct reaffirms its opposition to any pipe or tunnel option for the diversion of the Vacluse Sewerage to Bondi by Sydney Water, which passes under or through Dover Heights. Unanimously**

**Minutes of Aug 11 Meeting** – 2 corrections “byelection” and delete sentence “labour did not bother attending pre poll.”

Accepted DF, VS carried with changes. Carried

**Parks and Infrastructure – Dov Fraser**

New bins in Rodney Reserve. Boat parking in Military Road – some boats > 7.5 m . Called rangers etc – some boats have been moved. Anything within weight, length and breadth limits is legal. Registration may also be checked. Out of rego, can be reported and process can begin.

Rodney Reserve – “Bog” repaired. Fence repaired and replaced. Lantana removed and trash taken away by Dov. Rest of fence partially repaired. Dov has removed a lot of reserve trash personally. Council removed a lot from Williams Reserve. Asked for volunteers.

**Motion: DF, ML DH Precinct asks council to turf and maintain the sand only, areas in Rodney Reserve between Dover Rd and Raleigh St. Carried unanimously.**

**Motion VS RN DH Precinct asks council to spray “bindi eyes” in Rodney Reserve so that children and dogs are not injured carried**

Concrete areas at Military Road and Blake St should be beautified as current concrete and weeds are ugly.

**Motion: DF RN**

**DH Precinct asks council to upgrade the Dover Heights commercial corner at Blake St and Military rd with new footpaths, planter boxes, less concrete and more grass/greenery. Carried**

Formally thank council for doing a good job in repairing the footpaths in Military Rd between Raleigh St and Dover Road.

**General Business**

LT and Ruth Abeshouse: Cnr Dover Rd and Rodney. **Daycare proposal for 15 children in home – 21 Rodney St** – 1 house away from proposed daycare centre. Not a home based. Commercial development in residential area. DA lodged but neighbours have not been notified. No council interest until DA approached. Property is rented – possibly with a 5 year lease. No part of the house will be used, residentially. A week has elapsed after lack of neighbour letters was noted.

Councillors will examine it and it will come to committee.

**Motion: LT: Howard Watson DH Precinct requests Council to reject the DA, for a commercial daycare centre to be set up in a residential area, at 21 Rodney St, Dover Heights. - unanimously**

**Meeting dates 2012**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – AGM**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> November**