

Bronte Beach Precinct: Minutes of Meeting of Wed., 19 June,2019 at Lugar Brae Church Hall.

Chaired by Greg Vaughan. Area Councillor present: Elaine Keenan (Greens). Overall attendance: 16.

1. Minutes of previous meetings approved. Prop. Andrew Goffe; Seconded Josephine Grieve.

2. Bronte Cutting.

Much concern over parking spaces. Councillor Keenan reminded the meeting of Waverley's Strategic Plan and the order of precedence recommended by the Traffic Committee.

MOTION 1. Prof. Andrew Goffe; 2nd. Michael Hudson.

The BBP supports the initiative Waverley Council has taken to fence off for a trial period of time a pedestrian footpath running through the Bronte Beach Cutting which runs parallel to Bronte Road and MacPherson Street and was built to be a tramway. Precinct members believe that this pedestrian footpath has enhanced the safety and enjoyment of the large number of pedestrians who walk along it, including people less able-bodied and with prams and wheelchairs, when they undertake the Bondi to Coogee coastal walk. Furthermore, the Bronte Beach Precinct opposes the suggestion that the designated and separate pedestrian footpath should be abolished or cut back in order to increase the amount of car-parking space available in the Bronte Beach Cutting. The BBP calls upon Waverley Council to act so as to have this pedestrian footpath running through the Bronte Beach Cutting made into a permanent installation.

Passed unanimously.

3. Bus Service. There was still concern about changes to 379 route and regret over the demise of the 378 route to the CBD.

4. Bronte Village Update.

Via email, Steven Lightfoot reported on the plan by Woolworth's Metro. Vigorous discussion about potential effects upon local family-owned businesses in the area. Among the issues raised were: the long hours of opening are also concerning – operations from 7.00 am to 10.00 judged excessive; increased traffic and the probability of double parking, with consequent threats to the safety of residents. Overall, this proposal is thought likely to destroy local businesses and to undermine the fabric of our community, causing a loss of amenity.

MOTION 2 Proposed: Josephine Grieve; 2nd Andrew Goffe.

The Bronte Beach Precinct asks Council to take into account Precinct support for small, local businesses in the neighbourhood of Bronte on MacPherson Street, when assessing the application from Woolworths for a [commercial] store in the Bronte RSL.

Passed unanimously.

This discussion brought a further motion.

MOTION 3 Proposed: Susan Hely; 2nd Rosalba Paris.

Bronte Beach Precinct would like to invite the Director of Planning to speak to a public meeting of this Precinct *at a mutually convenient time*.

Passed unanimously.

5. DAs in the Precinct.

(a) Waverley Planning Panel have approved changes at 17 Barclay St. notwithstanding the FSR. Much concern about Council's planners seemingly unable to keep to its own guidelines. Clr Keenan reminded meeting that there is discretionary factor. Discussion also veered towards Robin Hood Hotel DA, where Waverley Council have been cut out of the planning process by the State Government. The major issue was concern expressed regarding the dual occupancy development at 17 Barclay St.; this had been strongly opposed by residents yet it was recommended approval by Council and approved but the Waverley Planning Panel. The lot size did not conform to the size recommended for subdivision at 580 sq. metres.

Proposer Sue Hely; 2nd Michael Hudson.

MOTION 4: The Bronte Beach Precinct requests that Waverley Council does not give two concessions to property developers concerning lot size AND floor space ratio. When Council recommends a concession to the development standard for applicable minimum lot size, it should not give a concession on floor space ratio as well. Instead Waverley Council should restrict the floor space ratio to the guideline standard limit derived by the applicable minimum lot size, not the lesser lot size conceded.

The Bronte Beach Precinct would like to invite the Director of Planning to attend the Bronte Beach Precinct meeting to explain the double concession of lot size and floor space ratio and other planning issues.

(b) DA 480/2018: 435 Bronte Road. Dr Don Maxwell outlined his opposition (excessive height, loss of parkland, etc) and invited the support of the meeting. The proposer spoke of some misuse of garages for other purposes. A. Goffe reminded meeting that Council wishes to keep cars off the streets.

Proposed: Don Maxwell; 2nd. Susan Hely.

MOTION 5: That BBP objects to the excessive height of a proposed garage and building (DA480/2018, 435 Bronte Rd.) including the loss of green space, the crossing over of a planted area along Gardyne Street and the loss of public views.

Passed, with one abstention.

6. Eastern Suburbs Command.

John S. Batts relayed some matters of interest to the community following his attendance of the Community Safety Committee.

The Meeting closed at 9.25.

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