

Bondi Precinct Minutes
Meeting Date: Wednesday 24 August 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

Meeting opened at 7.03pm

Councillors in attendance: Clr Michelle Gray, Clr Dominic Wy Kanak

Council Representatives: Mary Shiner, Community Liaison Co-Ordinator

Convener: Di Robinson

Welcome/Acknowledgment of Country: Di Robinson

Participants: 17 participants

Acceptance of minutes – Last meeting held on Zoom on 30 June 2022.

Moved: Lynne Cossar

Seconded: Annie Parnell

Carried

Agenda

- Overdevelopment & Private Certifiers
- Destination Hall Street one-way
- Sustainability & recycling
- Arts
- General Business

The convener shared a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following points:

- Barracluff Ave traffic calming (what are the benchmarks for the current trial and how the impact on other streets is being gauged);
- Rickard Ave closure and parking (where is that up to and more questions about why there can't be angle parking in that street);
- Destination Hall Street and the plan to turn Hall St one way – the huge impact of flow-on traffic to other residential streets, the effect on The Hub car park and the trucks that use the loading zone (they would have to use other streets to access Hall Street), the lack of consultation with local residents on the proposed one-way, concerns about the Have Your Say and where the proposed area-wide traffic plan was up to;
- Francis Street lack of access for prams and the disabled and the standard of the road and number of potholes;

- Overdevelopment and what Council is doing to protect Bondi heritage;
- The CDC and demolition of a semi in the Bondi Precinct.

Overdevelopment and Private Certifiers

The meeting proceeded to discuss at length concerns and issues in relation to Complying Development Certificates.

The Bondi Precinct convener said it appeared the Council didn't have a lot of power, because it was covered by State Government legislation.

Cr Gray told the meeting CDCs were an entirely separate legislative scheme overseen by a private certifier. However, she said while you could build an entire new house, demolitions weren't covered under the scheme.

It was reported at the meeting that in some instances neighbours were not being notified about demolitions that still proceeded.

Another issue raised related to the work that was certified under CDCs. When work went further than specified, residents would contact Council only to be told they had to contact the original certifier.

It was proposed to the meeting that residents should be contacting local State Government and Federal Government representatives and lobby to have the scheme changed.

It was suggested there was huge confusion around this issue, and Council should produce written material to indicate what residents should do in these circumstances.

Clr Gray told the meeting that Council had resolved to put this issue (CDCs) to the upcoming Local Government conference and lobby other councils to get rid of the system.

Clr Wy Kanak advised that he had been contacted by residents affected by CDCs and was following up their concerns.

The meeting then carried the following motions:

Motion 1

That Waverley Council prepare and make available for affected residents, a pamphlet outlining the CDC (Complying Development Certificate) process and their rights within that process, and it should contain a description of the process, an outline of the role of private certifiers, contact details for assistance and answers to frequently asked questions.

Moved by: Lee Wright

Seconded by: Lynne Cossar

Carried

Motion 2

Precinct should raise the CDC process with local state and federal Members of Parliament and that to help expedite this some media coverage be sought of the inequities and moral hazards of this system.

This should occur in conjunction with requests to our local Council to work to regain control of the process.

Moved: Jennifer Arnold

Seconded: Zina

Traffic and Destination Hall Street (one-way)

The Bondi Precinct convener welcomed Sharon Cassidy, Director Assets and Operations at Waverley Council and Nik Zervos, Executive Manager, Infrastructure Services at Waverley Council and thanked them for attending to answer questions on Destination Hall Street.

Ms Cassidy provided an update and overview of Destination Hall Street.

Mr Zervos explained Council had engaged a consultant a couple of months before to begin work on the traffic study. At a recent meeting of Council, the zone for the study was extended from Hall Street to Curlewis Street. The original zone was bounded by Wellington Street, Bondi Rd, Campbell Parade and Hall Street but that area had been expanded. Council hoped to have results in the next few months.

Mr Zervos explained how data was collected for traffic reviews.

Concerns were raised about the lack of consultation on Destination Hall St and about the Have Your Say, which was conducted in survey form requiring one-word answers to questions about the project.

Council was requested to extend the scope of the traffic study to Bondi Road, to include all the streets south of Hall Street which would be affected by the one-way.

A further resident raised concerns that there was no evidence that the car movements of people who lived on lower O'Brien and Roscoe Streets had been counted and there were no calculations on traffic movements and traffic flow.

Cr Gray told the meeting that when the Destination Hall Street proposal went before Council last week it had been put on hold pending a change to the design that would see cars being able to enter lower O'Brien Street and Roscoe Street from the west (and to access The Hub carpark at Adina).

A resident asked if other options had been looked at for the project.

Mr Zervos told the meeting that traffic counts had been conducted across a number of intersections in the local area. That data was used to design the original proposal, and for the change in design that would see access into lower O'Brien and Roscoe Streets from the west. He said that data was outlined in the report to the Traffic Committee, which was meeting tomorrow. He also said Council had looked at an alternative option of flipping the one-way direction in Destination Hall Street.

Mr Zervos said different options were looked at in terms of locations - Denham St on Bondi Rd, one in Bondi Junction, Hall Street, plus one other, all with high level analysis.

Another resident told the meeting that the proposal was ill conceived. The only solution if it went ahead was for Chambers Avenue, Consett Avenue and Jacques Avenue to be blocked off at Hall Street and for those streets to be made cul-de-sacs with resident-only parking.

A member of the Bondi Beach Precinct told the meeting that the proposal was being more warmly welcomed in the Bondi Beach Precinct. He said the issue everyone was upset about was traffic and it showed how divisive cars were in communities.

The following motions were carried by the meeting:

Motion 3

That the trial period for the Hall Street Destination proposal be deferred until a detailed traffic survey focusing on the effects on the residents of the streets leading into Hall Street is done and circulated for discussion and brought back to Council.

Moved: Tim Read

Seconded: Simone Odgers

Carried

Motion 4

That the Council looks at alternative options to Hall Street, including Gould Street.

Moved: Simone Odgers

Seconded: Adrian Newstead

Carried

Motion 5

Bondi Precinct strongly opposes Destination Hall Street and Hall Street becoming one-way. We believe Destination Hall Street is hastily devised and doesn't take residents in

surrounding streets into account who will carry the burden of extra traffic, including heavy vehicle traffic.

Bondi Precinct calls on Waverley Council to abandon the one-way strategy for Hall Street, and support Hall Street remaining two-way.

Moved: Annie Parnell

Seconded: Tom Cowan

Carried

Due to the length of the meeting, it was proposed to defer other items on the agenda until the next meeting.

Sustainability

Ms Cassidy said officers would be reporting on an updated waste system and FOGO in November.

Also, Bondi Pavilion opening was 22 September 2022.

Councillors and council officers were thanked for their attendance and contribution to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 7pm.