

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting

DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT

Monday 20 Nov 2017

At O2 Gym, 157 Military Road Dover Heights

Apologies: Peter Cappe, CR Steven Lewis, CR Leon Goltsman

Attendance: CR Betts, Cr Nemesh, Mayor Wakefield and former CR Guttman Jones and as per attendance sheet.

Dov Frazer: Convenor and Meeting Chairman

Ron Nothman: Secretary

DA Rep – Kerry Gottlieb

Meeting commenced at 8:05 PM

Welcome from Convenor

1. Thanked Pontus for letting us use O2 Gym
2. Thanked Suellen from Coffee Mill Roaster for the use of their chairs

Minutes from Previous Meeting –

Dov spoke to Mary Shiner about audio and video recording policy. Mary said that the executive can authorize recording ONLY with unanimous consent from all attendees. Should a non executive

wish to record the meeting the same principle applies and unanimous consent must be obtained.

Acceptance of minutes from Aug 28, 2017-11-20

Moved, Ron Nothman seconded, Philip Goldbuber - Unanimously accepted.

Arising From Minutes:

1 - Officially thanked Councilor Guttman Jones for her 9 years of service to Hunter Ward and to the Dover Heights Precinct. Miriam was always an advocate for the many issues that Dover Heights has faced and Ron and I would like to publicly say thank you to Miriam for her dedication and service to our precinct and community as a whole

2 – Responses from Council from Motions from last meeting. Ron read the responses. Dov noted that the Thomas Hogan Reserve which is a much smaller reserve has a long and detailed plan of management. It is unclear why a reserve as large and well used as the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves does not have a POM despite our requests for one spanning many many years. Philip G asked if a specific date for a Dover Heights Coastal Reserve POM might be created.

3 – Coastal Fences Upgrades –

a – all fences from Clark Reserve to Williams Park Reserve are meant to be upgraded which includes the entire Dover Heights Coastal Reserves.

b – Ron & Dov spoke about the community consultation that took place in Raleigh Reserve on Saturday Nov 18. Dov passed about copies of the various fencing options which were presented then. General discussion about wood versus metal versus composite. The new fence is likely to be only 1200 cm high and council is keenly aware of costs as well as durability of materials. Dov noted that a new fence is unlikely to be done for another 30 years so this is our only opportunity to have our say on something we will all have to live with for a very long time. Ron spoke about the stainless steel mesh inlay option.

Positives:

30 years durability minimum

Installation time is the fastest of any of the proposed materials

Zero ongoing maintenance to council

Virtually invisible from 20 meters away

The only thing a viewer would see is the support posts and top cable

Supports posts only need to be placed at a change of direction

This is the only option that allows for minimum number of support posts

Fewer support posts are less expensive and minimize installation costs

Tensile strength of the stainless steel mesh is extremely high & remains so for 30 years

No need for continuous concrete trenching minimizes labor and material costs

Small diamond shaped holes in mesh is virtually not climbable

Dov mentioned a palisade fence made from composite but a composite would need to be very thick and topped stainless steel capping and requires concrete trenching along its entire length. The thickness of the material would be a visual blight. Dov also mentioned a palisade fence made of Steel Core 10 pre rusted flat bars. While this option was interesting it has a visual block unless standing in front of the rails. Also this type of palisade requires concrete trenching along its entire length which is very expensive to install.

Motion 1 – DHP requests that council consider using for the coastal fencing upgrades a mesh infill made from 2205 grade stainless steel supported by tensioned stainless steel cables top and bottom with support posts made of 2205 grade stainless steel at maximum spacing.

Moved – Richard Morris, Seconded Allan Schliemann, Approved by all

4 – Blake & Military Road Upgrades

Dov met with project architect Richa Bohara on Friday

Plans were different to upgrades promised by Andrew Chau

Richa agreed to replace all driveways around project that need to be replaced

Richa agreed replace footpath and gutter in concrete at the East of the driveway end of 161-167 Military Road on the Blake Street side

All curb and gutter on Blake Street has already been replaced which is great and she said the asphalt was also being replaced on Blake

All verges on Blake are being returfed and the small forest at 56 Blake is being removed

The only thing missing is that groundcover at 220 Military Road along Blake street is not being dealt with despite promises by Andrew that it could be if funds were available. Richa said it was NOT in the project and it was too big a job and that it would have to wait for the Parks Team to deal with. CR Nemesh volunteered to attempt to intercede to get the groundcover cleared and replaced with natives before the project is completed.

5 – Radio Telescope Viewing Platform

Dov showed images of the viewing platform at the coastal walk next to Waverley cemetery.

Dov reports that CSIRO already updated the Radio Telescope Plaque which is now much much nicer

CSIRO has pledged to contribute to a viewing platform for the Radio Telescope Memorial

Federal and heritage grants were mentioned but these can take a very long time to procure.

Sally Betts stated that Emily Scott and Scott Fields were working on this should be contacted regarding progress

Motion 2

DHP request that Waverley Council provide funding for a Radio Telescope Viewing platform in Rodney Reserve that can be built in conjunction with the new coastal fences. DHP notes that CSIRO has already agree to contribute to a viewing platform.

Moved by Dov Frazer, Seconded by Richard Morris, approved by all

6 – Rodney Reserve Subcommittee Report

Sally Betts affirmed that tender for log benches and irrigation in Rodney Reserve would be decided upon at council meeting of Nov 21, 2017-11-20

Kerry Gottlieb asked Mayor Wakefield if he supported the residents who were opposed to plans to build structures and car parks and lighting in the reserve. The mayor replied that he has not changed his position and that CR Lewis was in charge of Labor's policy on this matter and as far as he understood there were no desire by Labor to persue building structures, parking or lighting in the reserve.

General Business

Richard Morris stated that the condition of Military Road was bumpy and horrible. All residents agreed. Sally that roads in 3rd world countries were much better. Sally stated that SAMP is being reassessed and the condition of road will be included.

Motion 3:

DHP requests that urgent attention be given to resurfacing Military Road

Moved by Richard Morris, Seconded by Dov Frazer, Approved By All

MOTION 4– DHP Requests:

A - The fence line in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserve to be moved back to the line of the original fence which was 500 cm to 1 meter closer to the cliff

B – All vestiges of previous fences should be removed including concrete footing, metal poles and wood

C – The fence near the playing field should be placed closer to the cliff to create unobstructed views. This would duplicate the lower fence placement which is currently at the south end of the playing fields which extends to Dover Road

E – Council remove all non native trees and shrubs along the fence which have grown around and through the current fence

F – Council remove ALL dead trees, fallen dead shrubs & branches and ALL litter and trash from the areas to the east of the current fence

Moved by Ron Nothman, Seconded by Philip Goldguber, Approved by all

MOTION 5

DHP again requests that Waverley Council embark upon a tree planting program on both Military Road and ALL other Dover Heights Streets. DHP is happy for council to plant New Zealand Xmas Bush or Metrosideros in all areas of Dover Heights.

Moved by Dov Frazer, Seconded by Philip Goldguber, Approved by all

Motion 6

DHP request remove all non-native shrubs from the verge south of 220 Military Road along Blake Street and replant the ground cover of this verge with low maintenance native plants. This request is specifically directed to Matt McGovern and Paul Sparks.

Moved by Leesa Armstrong, Seconded by Lucille D'Ambra, Approved by all

Motion 7– In regards to Williams Park which extends from O'Donnell Street to the Bondi Diggers Golf Club along Military Road on the East side of the street, DHP request the council remove all

dead shrubs, trees and branches and remove all non native shrubs. We request that this verge be cleaned up and replanted with low maintenance native plants

Moved by Richard Morris, Seconded by Kerry Gottlieb, Approved by all

Motion 8

DHP requests that council and Sydney Water consider placing a sun shade to the west of the pump house in Dudley Page Reserve to allow parents and children shelter from the sun. Such a placement would not block the views of any resident.

Moved by Danit Harka, Seconded by Allan Schliemann, Approved by all

Motion 9

DHP requests signage at 211 Military Road to alert motorists of children crossing Military Road to gain access to the Dudley Page Bike Track via the steps to the north of the pump house

Moved by Richard Morris, Seconded by Ron Nothman, Approved By all

Motion 10

DHP suggests that council consider changing the use of the North Bondi Golf Course and converting it to multiple playing fields for soccer, football, basketball, netball and other uses that a greater number of residents would use as compared to those that use the current golf facility.

Moved by Ron Nothman, Seconded by Dov Frazer, Approved by all

Meeting Ended at 9:35 PM