

Minutes - DHP meeting August 19th, 2019

Present: Hunter Ward Councillors CR Will Nemesh & CR Steven Lewis.

Regrets from CR Sally Betts, Leesa Armstrong

Minutes from previous meeting

Moved by – Leora Turtledov

Seconded by - Richard Morris

ACCEPTED

1 – Presentation by HomeShare Program*

Carolyn Lancaster – HomeShare Coordinator & Volunteer Engagement.

(Carolyn went to the wrong location so did not make the presentation. Ron Nothman explained the program from memory of the presentation from Combined Precincts).

2 – Updates on Bus Shelters –

a – As you know the new Bus Shelters were erected at Dover Road and Military and outside 35 Military. Bus shelters at 185 and 246 are off the table.

b – Will Nemesh offered to contact NSW Minister For Transport in our behalf to move the bus stops.

c– Will receives letter from NSW transport minister –

From our discussions with STA it is believed the Military Rd bus stop issue is ongoing and a final determination of the location of the bus stops outside either 185 or 246 Military Rd has not yet occurred (The **STA is** the government-owned authority responsible for the operations of Sydney)

STA has no objection to the relocation of either bus stop so long as the bus stops meet their operational and safety requirements, and the community consultation is carried out by Waverley Council.

Transport for NSW supports STA's position on the issue.

Dan wrote in response to our last motion:

Relocating these Bus Stops to outside another residential property is not supported by Council officers. In regards to the Bus Stop on the west side of Military Road, this could be relocated adjacent to Dudley Page Reserve, and such a proposal would be supported. However, STA have in the past always advised that they do not support this relocation.

As Transport NSW and STA have clearly stated they have no objection, DHP AGAIN requests that council move the bus stops at 185 & 246 Military Road to the north in line with operational and safety requirements. The bus stop at 246 should be able to be moved as no residents will object. DHP awaits a potential new location for the bus stop at 185 to be suggested by council that meet operational and safety requirements.

3 – CR Nemesh Report before departing

1 – Dog Friendly Bubbler in Dudley Page Reserve has finally been approved by Sydney Water and will be installed soon.

2 - Eastern Ave Reserve slope north of Bulga Road is being designed by council architects and soil testing is happening first, there will be sandstone and planting in the final design.

3 – Diamond Bay death at Cliff Walk – asking council for an urgent report.

4 – Hugh Bamford / Williams Park draft POM is now on presentation.

Have your say day will be August 31, 2019 on site.

5 – Military Road pinch points between O'Donnell & Military will be widened as well between Wentworth and Hugh Bamford Steps.

6 – There will be a new bin at Kimberley & Ray Street at cliff walk steps.

4 – Update on Radio Telescope Viewing Platform and Coastal Fencing Location.

4 – Video Presentation by Richard Davis on Dover Heights.

Dov played the video from the Facebook Precinct Page that Richard had produced.

5 - DHP has had motions, Combined Precinct has moved motions and Full Council has approved motions. In May 2019 Dov had a meeting with Emily Scott, a full Geotech report was promised as a first step.

On July 9, 2019 I received an email from Dan with a copy of a "Geotechnical Assessment" from JK Geotechnics which was dated June 14, 2019 (Ref: 32296RX Let1).

In its conclusion the report states that the new coastal fence be located either

a – 2 metres further west of its current location (which would decrease the size of the reserve by approximately 360 meters)

b – or founded in bedrock at some location towards the ocean from its current location to reduce the potential for future instability

c -further geotechnical advice must be sought once the fence type and location are confirmed and should include a geotechnical investigation along the alignment of the fence.

11 – I phoned JK Geotechnics at this time and spoke to Engineering Geologist Paul Roberts. This conversation includes information noted in Point 8. What I learned is as follows:

a – JK Geotechnics did not physically attend the site to produce the report dated June 14th regarding the potential fence location nor were any additional bore holes drilled to assess the location of the bedrock.

b – JK Geotechnics was NOT aware of the location of the current fence which is 6.6 metres below the crest of the slope extending approximately 120 metres north of Dover Road. Nor were JK Geotechnical aware of the location of the current Radio Telescope. Memorial which located in a 2.2 x 6.6-metre-wide rectangle that extends east towards the ocean from the current fence line

c – JK Geotechnics made statements in its reports of June 14 about a potential hazardous work environment, potential dangers to members of the public assessing

the slope and potential dangers to council workers to mow and maintain the slope should the Rodney Reserve fence line be positioned anywhere to the east of its current location

d – What is utterly absurd about these claims in point C is that there is ALREADY a 120 metres long slope extending from Dover Road north which is 6.6 metres below the crest at the northern end and which has been safely accessed by the public for decades, which has been safely maintained by council workers for decades and which has the fence located at the bottoms of the slope. This is the same section that was recently landscaped in terraces and which is the section with unobstructed views of the ocean due to the location of the fence below the slope

12 – It is extremely disheartening and disappointing and council did not commission a proper Geotechnical SURVEY to address the question of the future location of the fence line and radio telescope viewing platform. I would like to think that motions by our elected councillors, community members that comprise the Joint Precincts committee and Dover Heights residents that comprise the Dover Heights Precinct Committee have meaning and are not so easily dismissed

13 – It is UNACCEPTABLE considering the motions by the Full Council, Joint Precincts and Dover Heights Precincts and the involvement of the CSIRO that council should rely on an assessment where the assessors did NOT attend the site, did NOT drill a single bore to assess the location of the bedrock along the fence line, did NOT know about the existing locations of the fence, did NOT know about the location of the current Radio Telescope memorial and the replica telescope and did NOT address the issue of a viewing platform for the Radio Telescope Memorial

14 – Considering the above I would like to request the following:

MOTION 1

Moved – Richard Morris

Seconded – Ron Nothman

Accepted

DHP request that council commission a full and PROPER geotechnical report and survey. The report should include the following features:

b – How the new coastal fence could be safely located a minimum of 2 metres to the east of its current location in Rodney Reserve so that the views of the ocean could be unobstructed, as they already are in the 120 metre section north of Dover Road.

c – How the new coastal fence could follow the same line as the 120 section north of Dover Road and would this allow the new coastal fence to be more safely embedded in bedrock.

d – How council could safely landscape a new slope in Rodney Reserve with terraced shrubs as they have already done in the 120metres section north of Dover Road.

e – How a Radio Telescope Viewing Platform could be safely installed in the current location of the radio telescope memorial plaque which is approximately 2.2 metres wide by 6.6 metres long, and fully on the crest of the reserve. This platform could be safely cantilevered 2 or 3 metres to the east of the current site to provide a better view of the radio telescope replica antennae.

f – Bore holes at various locations to assess the actual location of the bedrock and actual feasibility of locating the fence at various locations to the east of its current position.

g – Bore holes to assess extending the Radio Telescope Viewing platform up to 3 metres to the east of its current location on the firm soil of the reserve.

h – The writers of this survey and report meet with and coordinate their site visits with representative of Dover Heights Precinct so that they can clearly understand the locations of the current infrastructure and where future infrastructure might be placed.

Motion 2 – DHP AGAIN requests that the coastal fences to be install between Hugh Bamford and Clarke Reserve be made with 2205 Stainless steel that does not tea stain or degrade and that NO timber be used due to long term maintenance issues. DHP strongly refutes council's assertion that 2205 Stainless Steel is NOT used in outdoor environments and is cost prohibitive.

Move – Richard Morris

Second – Ron Nothman

Accepted

5 – NBN destruction at Blake & Military –

NBN contractor Downer is responsible for latest destruction of our pavers. Council has hired a new person, David Jolly who is dedicated to restorations. David is meeting with the NBN itself THIS WEEK about rectifying our corner and he will not sign off until it is put back like for like to its previously perfect state.

6 – CLIFF WALK MAPS – Original signage all wrong and this was done without any consultation from the precinct which we requested ad nauseum

There is no such thing as the Rodney Reserve Plaque - that is completely meaningless and inaccurate.

CSIRO Plaque Commemorating Radio Astronomy History In Dover Heights.

The maps inaccurately names Weonga Road as Myuna Road. This is so egregiously wrong that it is hard to fathom the person who was responsible for this sign ever set foot in Dover Heights.

The location on the map of the plaque and replica antenna is simply WRONG.

The map makes it seem that there is a road or footpath in the reserve for the cliff walk. There is NO such thing.

ISSUE – the official cliff walk map directs people down Blake Street.

A – NO ONE walks this way. They go to the end of Weonga, Up to Military and then get lost.

B – It is unnecessary and potentially bad for safety to direct hordes of tourists past an orthodox Jewish Day school and Schule when they need NOT be directed that way.

EVERYONE walks from Raleigh street to Weonga Road and then up Weonga Road to Military Road and then continues to Lancaster Road with a stop in Dudley Page Reserve. The ridiculous idea that the cliff walk goes down Blake Street is absurd and wrong.

MOTION 3

MOTION – Due to safety issues at Dover Heights Schule and Kesser Torah Collage and to recognize the path that most walkers already take and to maximize the natural sections of the cliff walk, Dover Heights Precinct requests that council REMOVE the Blake Street section from the official cliff walk maps and all new maps. The Blake street section should be officially replaced with the route through Weonga Reserve and up Weonga Road to Military Road. New maps should be recreated to reflect these updated pathways.

Moved – Richard Morris

Second – Philip Goldguber

Accepted

7 – Dog Walker Licensing

I was approached by Katie from Paws At Play in Rodney Reserve. She is a commercial dog walker and suggested that it would be better for residents as well as commercial dog walkers that walkers be licensed to keep everyone honest.

She said Lane Cove had a Commercial Dog Walking license program – see printed application

Lea Dazley from Paws at Play spoke about why dog walkers should be licensed and how it would be good for all stake holders.

Motion 4 – DHL requests that council institute Commercial Dog Walker Licensing in Waverley Council as was already done in Lane Cove Council. Any licensing measure should be drafted in consultation with precincts.

Moved – Richard Morris

Second – Julie Stark

Accepted

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MOTION 5 – DHP requests that council consult NSW geographical names board. To officially assign the name 'Dover Heights Coastal Reserves: to the existing reserves at weonga, Rodney, Raleigh and Eastern Ave.

Moved – Richard Morris

Second – Julie Stark

Accepted

MOTION 6 – DHP request that council rectify the slope that collapsed in Rodney Reserve in March of 2019. DHP notes that the contractor who laid the irrigation system and new turf is most likely responsible for altering the drainage of the reserve and should be responsible rectifying the collapse.

Moved – Richard Morris

Second – Jenni Michaelson

Accepted

Motion 7 – DHP request that not erect further signage in Dover Heights without first consulting the precinct as has been previously requested.

Moved – Jenni Michaelson

Second – Leora Turtledov

Accepted

Motion 8 – DHP again requests that council fill with dirt and returf the LARGE dead zones and sand pit to the east of 169 Dover Road and 15 Lyons Street. How many motions does it take??

Moved – Julie Stark

Second – Richard Morris

Accepted

Motion 9 - In the Feb 2018 response to a previous motion it was said that, “Dover Heights Precinct area including Military Road will be included in the tree planting for 2018/2019. Very, very few trees were planted. Again, DHL requests that Military Road between Loombah and Lancaster be planted with red flowering metrosideros and grevilleas.as was requested over 2 years ago.

Moved – Jenni Michaelson

Second – Jean Morris

Accepted

Motion 10– DHP requests that council trim or remove the trees north of 2 Rodney Street in the reserve. When these were planted, they were meant to be height restricted and not block views of residents. Assurance was given to the residents that plantings would be height appropriate shrubs and not view blocking trees.

Moved – Ruth Abeshouse

Second – Ron Nothman

Accepted

Motion 11- DHP requests that council spray the vines on the wire fence in Rodney Reserve that are blocking clear views of the ocean.

Moved – Ruth Abeshouse

Second – Leora Turtledov

Accepted

Motion 12 - DHP request that any new signage in the Raleigh, Rodney and Weonga reserves indicate the location of the cafe at Blake & Military Road Village Center.

Moved – Richard Morris

Second – Julie Stark

Accepted

Meeting Ended at 10 PM

Next Meeting – November 11, 2019