

MINUTES OF BONDI BEACH PRECINCT MEETING

14 OCTOBER 2013: 7:00PM to 9:00PM

OCEAN ROOM BONDI BEACH PAVILION

Meeting opened at 7:15PM

Chairperson: Lenore Kulakauskas

1. Welcome

Bondi Beach Precinct acknowledges the Bidjigal and Gadigal people, who traditionally occupied the Sydney Coast. We also acknowledge Aboriginal Elders both past and present.

Apologies: Cr Wakefield, Cr Clayton, Marilyn Tanner, Justin Bonsey

2. Guest Speaker: Kate Higgins, Waverley Council Senior Strategic Planner – Heritage: The Art Deco Project.

A PowerPoint presentation was given.

Council resolved on 5th Feb 2013 to look at the 'Art Deco project'.

This is now one of Kate's major projects. She is researching the history and character of area, the growth in war years, and the building boom in the 1920's. Land values rose 37%, in 1933, and 72% of dwellings were rented. Waverly was the most densely settled at this time.

There are many different styles and compilations of styles, Art Deco, old English Tudor, Georgian revival style. A lot of flats were 1 bedroom built for bachelors. It was popular to use decorative bricks.

One of the reasons for the project is to encourage people to use a sympathetic colour palette, creating an aesthetic look and feel to Bondi. It is hoped there will be some grants to people to revitalize their buildings.

Research into Colour schemes for restoration of building will soon be undertaken. This also presents an opportunity to interpret and brand Bondi.

Questions

Ray Johnson (RJ) Signage policy, are there limits on how big signs can be. Kate thinks that is a good point and this can be looked at. What is the current signage policy now? Kate is hoping that this project will help highlight these issues.

RJ What is the brand strategy for Bondi, at the moment it feels ad hoc. Kate's reply: that we should use the role she has now been given to help envision a brand strategy.

Kate will come back to talk to the Precinct as the project unfolds.

LK said next year BBP will be having smaller meetings (along with the regular meetings) to talk about single issues, such as these.

3. Presentation on proposal for Netball courts in Pavilion Courtyard - Jacquee Saunders, Kelly West.

A PowerPoint presentation was given.

There is a lack of space and availability in Waverley. The courts at the Margaret Whitlam Centre are at capacity. KW suggested the grasses area north of the court yard.

LK suggested Hide Tide Room, KW had concerns about size, glass doors and roof space.

LK asked audience what they thought of proposal.

Response from audience member was that it was a good idea and he would like to see more provisions for recreational sports in Bondi. Great exercise and can they be made as dual courts.

Graham Stewart (GS) suggested that it was a great idea and compared it to Lyons Park and the popularity of those courts.

GT (Gabi Tobias) agreed it would be a great idea, especially the dual use for basketball as well. And for the Bondi Beach School to be able to use it as well.

Hugh asked if there is any plan for those areas to be used in the draft plan of management. LK responded; only as vacant space to be rented out on the odd occasion.

MOTION: That Precinct supports in principle the proposal to install netball courts at the back of the Bondi Pavilion. Precinct further requests that a meeting be held between relevant Council Staff, Jacquee Saunders (JS), Kelly West (KW), and LK Precinct Convenor.

Motion carried, voting unanimous.

Before the meeting LK, JS, KW, and Brad Watson (BW) will meet to discuss the presentation to be made.

4. Presentation on proposal for junior skate area (next to existing Skatepark) by Ti Coleing (President Bondi Skateboard Club) and John Fox.

Neither Ti nor John was able to make it – reschedule for 2 December Meeting.

5. Minutes of previous meeting.

BW accepted LK seconded

6. Business arising:

The response report (below) was read out.

Waverley Council Response Report to Bondi Beach meeting from August 2013 and presented to October 2013.

Motion 1

RESOLVED: to send in a submission from Precinct based on these recommendation. LK to co-ordinate.

Response

Submission sent

Motion 2

RESOLVED: that the BBP committee will also send in a submission including some of the data from the LWG and NAAPA.

Response

*Submission sent and Liquor rep will also attend the NSW ACT Alcohol Policy Alliance (NAAPA) Community Forum *Breaking Down the Barriers: Community Involvement in Liquor Licensing Decisions in NSW* on 24 October 2013 and report back to next meeting.*

Motion 3

The DA Rep JJ lodged a submission against the Swiss Grand changing 25 proposed non-residential parking in the building to future residential parking. the submission was passed around.

RESOLVED: *to endorse the submission*

Motion 4

Traffic has been noted driving the wrong way in the section of Lamrock marked One Way.

RESOLVED: to inform the Traffic Section at Council and the Police about this issue. LK to take to the next CSPC meeting and to send a service desk email.

Response

Raised at CSPS meeting – police will monitor

Motion 5

Motor Bike Noise

Noise from motor bikes was raised. Cr Wy Kanak said Council could ask State members about noise controls on bikes. LK to take to the next CSPC meeting.

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Litter & Dumping

A resident raised the issue of Litter and Dumping and said he had learnt that if a building was owned by an individual or corporation, then only 2 free pick-ups a year were allocated to that building, even though multiple tenants could take out short term leases during that year. Also the rubbish generated in boarding houses was enormous and not reflected in the owner's rates.

Response

Enquiry sent to Acting Director

Motion 6

Rubbish Bins at Beach

It was noted that rubbish bins at the Beach were filthy.

MOTION: That Council maintains the Bondi Beach Rubbish Bins in a proper fashion by replacing asap, damaged lids (often caused by cigarette butts) and the whole bin when the sides are split.

Proposed Brad Watson Seconded LK

Response

The Community Consultation Coordinator advised the Precinct to forward this motion to the Coordinator Resource Recovery & Public Place Cleansing.

NOTE: NEW BINS NOW AT BEACH!

Motion 7

Rubbish Bins in Hall St

It was noted that bins at many businesses in Hall St were put out early and left for several days before pick up or left permanently in street/ were put out overflowing etc. Cr Wy Kanak said bins should be in by 9am, that it was a compliance issue and there had been some prosecutions.

RESOLVED: to contact the relevant persons in council and arrange a meeting with residents, businesses, and council, after consultation with the resident. LK to co-ordinate

Response

Warnings to be given by senior ranger and monitoring to take place

BW had prepared a comprehensive report about litter and dumping and innovative ways of dealing with this problem, which he read out to the meeting (copy attached) - hard furniture dumping, fining doesn't work, rubbish services not advertised well. Unrealistic time frame to allow for people to put rubbish out, single title even though it may have up to 30 units still only get 2 a year.

RJ: Suggested Strata building managers and Real Estate agents to be able to have ½ dozen pick ups.

LK the last mayor had a policy that parking staff and other workers reported rubbish, which seemed to be improving things, however, the current mayor has reverted to the old system.

MOTION: That Precinct supports in principle the proposal put together by BW about litter and dumping. Precinct further requests that a meeting be held between relevant Council Staff, Brad Watson, and LK Precinct Convenor.

Motion carried, voting unanimous.

7. Discussion about the comment made by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP on federal funding for the Bondi Beach, Park and Pavilion Plan of Management

The article passed around showed MT supporting federal funding for the underground car park.

LK suggested that this does not make sense given that there are so many other major infrastructure issues at the beach that need to be dealt with.

As time was running short LK proposed that this be discussed at meeting on 2nd December. MT will be invited to address this meeting.

Voting unanimous

8. Development Applications Report: new DA process

DA approvals no longer go to Councillors but are either approved by Council staff or in some cases go to the Waverley Development Assessment Panel. For more info on the WDAP go to http://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/building/waverley_development_assessment_panel

As soon as the NSW Govt Planning Laws come into effect, the Precinct will hold a special meeting to explain how everything will work (in line with the new smaller meetings referred to above.)

GT made some brief comments about the proposed new State Govt Planning Laws - Less or no community feedback on DA's, 10 day turn around if they comply. Anything that didn't comply, you can complain about but only the part that doesn't comply, this is a 25 days turn around.

You can object but if it complies they will push it through anyway.

There was a brief comment on the proposed light rail down Bondi Rd which comes under the Growth Plan for Greater Sydney and some concern that an Urban Activation Centre could be proposed somewhere in Bondi along the lines of the ones now proposed for South Maroubra and Randwick.

9. Community safety, traffic and pedestrian issues (motor cycle parking at the Beach).

Will be discussed at Bondi Precinct meeting

10. Alcohol Report (incl Beach Rd Hotel).

Ben Pearce (BP) and Mark Delaney (MD) attended from the Beach Road Hotel (BRH) they are waiting to hear back from Council about the strudture out the back having furnished the requested information. LK to follow up on this.

Proposed Safety Barrier: BRH would like input into the design if Council is asking them to pay 100% of the cost. LK to follow up on this.

LK commented the cost of the fence has gone from \$4000 to \$15000 in 2 years.

BP commented that BRH supports a lot of local events, Bondi Board Riders, and Bondi Skate boarders, the Single Fin Classic, Bowlarama, Wairoa special school, Easts Rugby, and Bondi United on an ongoing basis throughout the years.

LK suggested that KW from Netball club get in touch with BRH.

BRH is still obtaining data from the acoustic sound engineers, they want to be able to run a safe compliant venue that receives the support of their neighbors.

BW suggested BRH get other businesses to put money towards cleaning up the streets. BRH responded with thanks for bringing it up – they said it is difficult to pinpoint where the rubbish comes from, they are proactive with picking up rubbish and gave some examples of how they are contributing.

MD BRH suggested that the alcohol free zone to be enforced by Council Rangers.

BP BRH said that a major issue is other businesses trading outside of their allowed trading hours.

LK suggested that the issue be raised at the Chamber of Commerce.

11. General Business:

Richard Macphillamy (RM) has set up a community website Streetwork, www.streetwork.com.au a platform where residents can chat to other residents about what's happening in Bondi. It has been active for 2 months and has 400 members. RM built it because he wanted to connect people to their community, by street and suburbs.

GT: tennis courts; planers are still making their recommendation, they have a right of review, they are taking their time due to wanting to get it to the next level of council.

At a recent meeting with Peter Monks and LK, PM said that a community garden is not pie in the sky and that it is possible.

MOTION: That Bondi Beach Precinct objects to the rezoning of the Tennis Courts in Wellington St from Private Recreation to Residential. The grounds of the objection are: There is a need to keep the little recreational space that exists in Waverley; there is a need for community recreational space be it as tennis courts or in some other form; this land was originally granted as recreational in the 1920's and should not, after being community space for so long, be rezoned for residential development.

There will be a book launch *On Bondi Beach* at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre on Friday 18 October 2013 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed 21:15

Next meeting 2 December 2013

Shann Akkersdyk Secretary
Lenore Kulakauskas Convenor
Bondi Beach Precinct
14 October 2013