

## QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

19 February 2020

commencing 7pm Waverley Library Theatrette

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte

Apologies: Mark Baldessari, Daniel Bando, Ian Barber, Sarah McCarthy, Paul Power

Councillors present: Councillor Angela Burrill

### **Moriah College proposed expansion - update**

- Michael Ahrens outlined where the proposal is at. State Planning website shows that there were over 350 submissions overall, grouped into three categories - from government authorities, organisations and individuals.
- Council's detailed submission opposed the proposed expansion as did most of the individual submissions. Those supporting it were primarily not from the area and provided just a simple statement.
- The applicant has now been asked to respond to submissions.
- Residents were pleased that Council has opposed the College's expansion and hopes that Council will sustain this opposition.
- There was disappointment that Council's submission omitted the history of Moriah on this former parkland site as this is an important factor for residents and different from most private schools that have been in their locations for decades i.e. it is a relative newcomer to Queens Park and initially promised residents never to exceed 600 students. It has kept breaking assurances on student numbers over the years and increasing them to the current 1680, with this proposal to increase numbers again by 20 percent.
- Residents also agreed on the need for dialogue with the Council on traffic matters in the proposal before any consideration by Waverley Traffic Committee.

The following motion was passed unanimously:

- ***Residents are pleased that Council made a detailed submission on Moriah College's proposal***
  - ***Residents support Council's objection to the proposed Moriah development and urge Council to sustain this position***
  - ***Residents request dialogue with Council on the traffic issues raised in the proposal and submission.***
- There was some discussion about Centennial Park's submission displaying little concern for such a large development and also misrepresentation on the Planning Portal e.g. showed Transport NSW supporting the proposal when it took no position.

### **Centennial Park report** from Michael Ahrens

- Michael spoke to Planning Manager Geoff Reinhard who said that the application to the Government for funds to build the Queens Park pathway on the southern side of the park has not been successful but they were encouraged to try again next year. Councillor Burrill said that Council is also seeking funds for the pathway.
- Michael also pointed out that the Park had sustained considerable damage during the recent storms and users need to be careful.

### **West Bondi Junction proposed development update**

- In 2019, the Planning Proposal to upzone 194-214 Oxford St and 2 Nelson St was approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
- Council is now required to exhibit Site Specific Development Control Plan to ensure that any development occurring on site is done so within the constraints of the specified development controls.
- Council is also seeking ideas for spending the likely substantial Voluntary Planning Agreement amount should the development application be approved.

- Information and facilities for comment are on <http://haveyoursaywaverley.com.au>
- Residents discussed how this huge development will impact the area and how once again, Centennial Park raised no objection.

### **Councillor Burrill's report**

- Pointed out some of the issues relating to the above Planning Proposal. Further comments will be sought when a DA is finally submitted
- Resident asked if parking stickers will be provided to occupants of these buildings. Has not yet been decided.
- Residents asked what the implications were. Peter pointed out that there had been complaints about reduced and erratic service in areas where buses already privatised.
- Councillor Burrill said that Transport NSW had written to Council saying that the bus depot will be kept forever.
- Council has approved a street pedestrian play policy. Residents can apply for quiet streets to be closed off from time to time for children to play. Cost \$165 per year. Need to apply to Police each time.
- Spoke about the proposed privatisation of buses. Discussed at Council meeting. Supported by Liberal Councillors. Campaign (including petition) against privatisation is being conducted by Labor and unions. Petitions with over 25,000 signatures are able to be raised in Parliament.

### **General Business**

- Bus Privatisation. Peter Cohen reported that he attended a meeting on 5 Feb about the government's plans to privatise Sydney's busses. The campaign against privatization is being lead by the bus union. Points reported from meeting:
  - Tender for privatising our region will be issued in March 2020 with decisions to me made after mid 2020.
  - Anecdotal reports of reduced on time performance and cutting stops where privatising has already occurred.
  - A petition was circulated for those wishing to sign with a view to force more debate in parliament about the subject. (17 signatures)
- Boot Factory DA submitted
- Stage 2 of Cycleway (Spring St) commencing soon.

### **Minutes from 11 November meeting**

Challenged by Rodney Duarte for omitting his complaint against Council. Convenors explained that his personal issue with Council not a community concern.

Motion to pass minutes: Michael Ahrens

**Next meeting:** 13 May 2020