

## **Minutes of Bronte Precinct meeting held 15 February 2021**

**7.01pm** Welcome by Convener (Chair).

Attendees: 12

Councillor in attendance: Tony Kay

**7.03pm** Apologies: Michael Donnan

No meeting since February 2020, 1 year

Acceptance of minutes: Proposed: Alma Douglas, Seconded: Max Setz

**Business arising:** reply to motions February 2020

**Agenda item 1: Bronte Cutting – Parking and Lighting** discussion. Recommendation that lighting remain unchanged. Council Meeting 16 February (tomorrow night). Safety also an issue when it comes to lighting and having an active public space.

**Agenda item 2: Inappropriate Nature Strip Planting – traffic hazards? 7.09pm**

Discussion around what is and isn't appropriate.

Discussion took place on this issue.

### **Motion**

*That Bronte Precinct request Council to inspect verge plantings in the Municipality in regards to some plants being traffic hazards and if so have them removed or pruned.*

Proposer: Alma Douglas, Seconder: Grant Beard

2 in favour, 4 against. Not carried.

**Agenda item 3: Social Hero Award 7.26pm.** FYI to all.

**Agenda item 4: Kitchen Compost Bins 7.27pm.** These are currently in Randwick Council Homes supplied free of charge, why not Waverley?

- Another investigation as to why previous motions were turned down.
- General consensus is that everyone would like to compost and recycle more effectively with FoGo.

An investigation on this matter is now being conducted by Waverley Council.

**Agenda item 5: Traffic Concerns**

**Intersection of Dickson and Birrell Streets** discussion. Council mail-out slide shared for all to view with the 4 options council put forward, 2a, b, c, d.

Cr Tony Kay discussed the options also with explanation around the consultation process and whether there was any pedestrian safety issue in past 5 years. No accidents involving pedestrians in past 5 years other than a car on car accident, so that doesn't apply to the pedestrian safety argument for change.

## **Motion**

*That the following submission be forwarded to Council's 'Have Your Say' on behalf of Bronte Precinct.*

Proposer: Grant, Bead, Seconder: Alexandra Ellis.

5 in favour, 0 against. Carried.

## **Bronte Precinct meeting 15.02.2021**

### **Bronte Precinct response to 'Have Your Say': Intersection of Dickson and Birrell Streets options.**

The preferred options of Bronte Precinct are:

#### **1st preference**

Option 2d (no change) is the Precinct's preferred option.

#### *Reason*

The reason originally given for the proposed change was that it would assist with the 40 km/h speed limit. It will not. First, because during peak periods the traffic flow in both Dickson and Birrell Streets is so slow that 40 km/h is never attained; secondly, because the steep upward gradient heading north in Dickson Street precludes higher speeds. In either case, a 'Stop' sign at the corner would achieve the same result, and at much less cost.

It appears that Council has undertaken no analysis of traffic or pedestrian flows as a basis for this proposal.

Traffic congestion in Dickson Street occurs during morning peak and afternoon school pickup. The present kerb alignment allows vehicles to turn left from Dickson into Birrell Street even when another vehicle is waiting to turn right. With a kerb extension, congestion will be exacerbated when a vehicle waits to turn right into Birrell Street and will create unacceptable delays during peak periods.

The proposal can only be justified (if at all) on the grounds of pedestrian safety. No consultation, and apparently no investigation, have occurred to determine whether there is a safety issue. There appears to be no history of pedestrian safety issues at this intersection.

Bronte Precinct therefore sees no reason for any change to this intersection.

#### **2nd preference**

If, and only if, there is evidence of accidents to pedestrians, the Precinct recommends a variation to 2d in which a pedestrian refuge is added, but no other change is made to the kerb alignment.

#### *Reason*

The refuge would provide safety for pedestrians but not impede current traffic flow in any way.

### 3rd preference

3. If neither of the above options is adopted, then the Precinct prefers option 2b (centre line, extended western kerb, and No Right Turn sign).

#### *Reason*

If the south-western kerb is extended, thus reducing northbound traffic in Dickson Street to one lane, then a No Right Turn sign against vehicles exiting Dickson Street is essential to prevent extended delays to Dickson Street traffic during peak periods.

### General Business

- **Coastal Walk Steps**

No action taken on **Coastal walk steps** between Bronte and Clovelly. Twice a request has been sent to council to look at the lack of safety capping's on the stairs at the Bronte end on the wooden stairs. Motion for the 3rd time

#### **Motion**

*That Bronte Precinct requests for the third time that yellow lines or equivalent nonslip marking be painted on or added to the nosing of the wooden steps at the northern end of the Coastal walkway at Waverley Cemetery, as is already the case for the rubber steps at the southern end.*

Proposer: Grant Beard,. Seconder: Max Setz

6 in favour, 0 against, Carried.

- **Mirimar Ave Footpath**

Reply from council,

General consensus is that the Council's response is not satisfactory. Motion to be put forward again.

#### **Motion**

*Bronte Precinct notes the response from Council concerning the footpath on the eastern side of Mirimar Avenue near Hewlett Street, but requests Council to reconsider the matter. The Precinct maintains that the path is steep and is a slip hazard and that people have slipped and been injured there in the past'*

Proposer: Grant Beard, Seconder Alma Douglas

5 in favour, 0 against, Carried.

- **Volleyball on Tamarama Beach**

Leon C addressed the meeting. In general, there is an issue around nets, how many are permitted on the beach, the storage of the nets, and busy summer beach days.

- Leon is from a loose group of people (The Tama Volleyballers) who enjoy playing volleyball on Tamarama beach; they have played for many years, Discussion around what the actual issue is. There is a 2007 Park Plan of Management. Summer months when beach is busy seems to be a potential issue. Is it a time thing? Half responsibility of Tamarama Beach lies with South Bondi/Tamarama Precinct, therefore they need to be consulted, and were. They were not in attendance tonight. No formal motion put forward following discussion.

- **Belgrave Street Reserve**

An upgrade, after 30+ years, has finally been approved. Consultations taking place between 10 February and 24 March. Have Your Say page, Waverley Council.

Have your say day at the reserve.

Saturday 6 March 10am – 12pm

Farewell to Max as he is leaving the area, thank you Max.

**Close of Meeting 8.50pm**