

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

via Zoom

12 August 2021

commencing 7pm

Convenors: Peter Cohen, Simon Swifte

Apologies: Councillor Elaine Keenan

Councillors present: Mayor Masselos, Councillor Angela Burrill

Centennial Park report – online presentation

by Geoff Reinhard, Manager Planning and Janbry Nibbelink, Project Manager

- The presentation showed detailed plans of the Queens Park pathway alongside Darley Rd that will be for pedestrians and cyclists. It will link with the existing pathway at the corner with York Rd and extend to the corner with Carrington Rd.
- These two corners will have better landscaping and extra trees.
- Most of the pathway will have separate sections for pedestrians and cyclists but there'll be some shared sections in the lower part.
- There'll be changes to parking arrangements in Darley Rd with parallel parking in the lower area and angle parking higher up, with an overall reduction in spaces of eleven. Randwick Council will provide more spaces in Market St with angle parking.
- Construction starts on 24 August and is planned to be completed just before Christmas. Contractors are Civil Constructions.
- Mayor Masselos expressed concern that the new angle parking towards Carrington Rd could interfere with traffic. It was pointed out that the busiest periods for parking tended to be weekends and not weekdays when traffic was heavier.
- Councillor Burrill was concerned at the gradients being too steep for prams and wheelchairs but was assured that they were compliant.
- The construction timetable is attached.
- Geoff also provided an update on the proposal to replace the amenities block near Baronga Ave. It is at the concept development and will be of a similar scale and footprint but hopefully more elegant.

Minutes of meeting 19 May 2021

Motion to adopt from Peter Cohen; seconded by Phyllis Fong. Adopted

Overview of Waverley Council's Strategic Planning Model

- The council's planning model has input from the regional, district and local strategic planning statements as well as the LEP and DCP
- Overview of projects will be conducted via:
 - Local Environmental Plan – with DPIE for Gateway late 2021
 - Development Control Plan update – early-mid 2022
 - Heritage PP – October 2021
 - Local Character Statements – mid-late 2021
 - Planning Webinars – mid 2021

West Bondi Junction update

- It is believed that a DA for this proposed development to Council is imminent.

Waverley War Memorial Hospital proposed development

- The Committee prepared comments on the Planning Proposal and Site-specific DA and submitted them before the deadline in July.

- Overall objections were that the Uniting Church's plans are an overdevelopment of this historic site that was bequeathed by the Vickery family for hospital purposes.
- The proposal didn't seem to heed the Conservation Management Plan prepared for the Uniting Church and includes:
 - a huge increase in heights of buildings from 15m to 21m and 9.5m to 12.5m
 - removal of a number of historic trees
 - a large new building in a fairly central location
 - new uses that do not fit with "hospital purposes".
- Council is considering the proposal at its meeting on 17 August.

Moriah College proposed development

- Convenors contacted the school but were unable to get any idea on the timetable for this development.

Proposed traffic changes in the area

- Waverley Traffic Committee have approved some traffic changes in the area in recent months, including:
 - shortening the bus zone on northern side of Queens Park Rd near York Rd and moving it further east
 - installation of elsholz kerb on the median and south western side of the bend in York Rd between Baronga Ave and Darley Rd
 - removing the left hand slip lane from Darley Rd north into York Rd and replace it with an exclusive left lane into York Rd. Randwick Council will be consulted on the proposal.

Police Report

- Queens Park has had a few "Steal from motor vehicle" incidents. This usually occurs when someone leaves their car unlocked as offenders will walk down a street trying all the door handles. They often get lucky and take any small valuables found inside.
- Queens Park had one motorbike stolen and it was found on a nearby nature strip a few days later.
- Other than that, Queens Park hasn't been on our radar compared to other suburbs we cover.
- Packages being stolen after on-line orders delivered. Delivery drivers may be followed by thieves.
- Scam phone calls purported from ATO and NBN threatening Federal Police will arrest if you do not call "1" from the call.

General Business

- Denison St resident raised issue of lack of street lighting causing a safety issue. Mayor Masselos said she'd follow up
- Mayor reinforced need to comply with public health orders and thanked residents for their cooperation. There were 83 cases in Waverley but down to 30.
- One resident requested Mayor to keep beaches open. Mayor aiming to do this.
- Local Government elections have been postponed to 4 December. The hope is to have a combined meeting with Bondi Junction Precinct for candidates before then.
- Bondi Junction cycleway raise some issues e.g. Councillor Burrill talked about confusion over shared zone at Ruthven St. Signage will be installed.
- Still no plans for stopping cyclists using the Mall but installing gardens being considered.

Next meeting: 10 November 2021