

Minutes of meeting Monday 4 July 2022, 7 pm, held online Via Zoom.

The meeting was chaired by Margaret Merten, convenor, who delivered a Welcome to Country.

1: Bondi Pavilion Update, including plans for the forecourt

MOTION: That Bondi Beach Precinct expresses alarm about the possibility that the well established annual Latin American Festival may not be part of the programmes of the new pavilion, especially given the high proportion of Latin Americans in Waverley and the high numbers of them showing up in the recent census figures, and urges Council to live up to its values of diversity, community and inclusion in the Pavilion 's activities. And more broadly, that Precinct expresses its concerns that the current "programming" models for the pavilion are not sufficiently based on real-life engagement with wide the range of community and other groups in the Bondi and Waverley community, who are the very people whose involvement will ensure the ongoing success of the new Pavilion.

2: Future development of Hall St and

3: Status of 26-32 Hall St DA

The meeting heard that two DAs had been submitted affecting all of the properties on the south side of Hall Street between the current PO development site and the corner of Consett Avenue. If approved, this would result in an entire block in the Hall Street Town Centre being demolished and re-built, something that hadn't happened in this sensitive zone since the inter-war period. The meeting was addressed by residents immediately adjoining these properties to the south, who argued that the proposal would result in loss of significant amenity to their heritage listed home, including overshadowing, excessive noise from plant, traffic congestion, likely damage from excavation and construction, etc. Residents were urged to submit objections to these DAs, and to approach Councillors to gain their support.

MOTION: That Bondi Beach Precinct expresses its concern about the response by the acting planning director to its motion about the lack of any contribution by Council's heritage officer to the assessment of the DA for 42 Hall Street Bondi Beach, and agrees to forward both that motion and the response to the general manager, with a request for a meeting to explore Council's options to ensure that the planning department follows the established protocols in all its assessment reports.

4: General Business

MOTION: That Bondi Beach Precinct expresses its opposition to DA 246/2022 for at 58 Campbell Parade

1. the retention of only a minor (albeit significant) art deco element in the ocean-facing facade of this substantial interwar block of flats
2. the proposed removal from the rear garden area of a flourishing, large and certifiably healthy avocado tree in order to allow for the extension of the proposed building beyond the current building's footprint

3. the failure of the application to consider the contributory value of the subject building to the group of three brick blocks as identified by Council's heritage conservation proposal
4. the negative contribution the development would make towards the loss of housing diversity in Bondi Beach and the concomitant lack of any social housing component in the application
5. the risk of stability issues arising from the proposed three levels of excavation in the unstable sands of Bond Beach, referencing recent multiple local experiences where buildings have been damaged by demolition, excavation and construction work at a number of sites in the basin
6. the wider environmental consequences of both the loss of the embodied energy in the existing large building, and the extensive use of energy dense concrete in the proposed new building, plus the unnecessary waste of the bricks in the existing facade which appear to remain in good condition despite the harsh coastal conditions

and urges Council officers to reject the application in its entirety, seeking the owner to submit instead a sympathetic renovation to the existing structure.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.