

BRONTE PRECINCT MINUTES
MONDAY, 13th February, 2012
Bronte Public School, 7.00pm.

Convenor: Alma Douglas
Minutes: Paula Masselos
Councillors: Mayor Wakefield, Cancian, Kay
Attendance: As per register
Meeting opened 7.00pm

Welcome

2. Minutes

Minutes accepted

Suspension of standing orders to acknowledge the passing of Jan Raynor.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Pocket Park outside the school - the lawn has been mowed and Jean and Pru are consulting.

3. Traffic

a) Frank Stroot who lives at the end of Hewlett near Bayview reported his concern about the safety of children crossing the street. He requested the Precinct write a letter in support of a pedestrian crossing or other such device to reduce traffic speed. It was also suggested he organise a resident petition. Councillor Cancian thought there was a Mayoral minute for 40 kph.

b) The Mayor spoke to the meeting about the 40kph zone at Bronte Marine Drive and all throughout Marine Drive to help promote pedestrian safety. He advised that the 40 kph requires integrated traffic calming devices as well as a speed of 40 kph.

c) This initiative has been approved by /council but awaiting RTA approval which is pending. Pru is to provide the link to the Mayoral minute.

d) The meeting reported to the Mayor that the 50kmp sign on Murray St was poorly painted.

4. Correspondence

a) Waverley Heritage design awards

b) Compost bin / worm farm - quiz to win a work farm

c) Waverley Library Valentine's Day - Library Lovers Day

5. Reports

a) Australia Day at Bronte Beach

The meeting was advised that the changes to the management of Australia Day at Bronte Beach were pushed through by Councillor Strewé and with the police supporting the initiatives. Bronte Rd as one way for the day was welcomed.

Motion: The Bronte Precinct congratulates Council and the NSW Police for

the introduction of measures to help manage Bronte Beach's popularity on Australia Day. The Bronte Precinct encourages Council and the Police to continue with these initiatives on an ongoing basis.

Moved: Paula Masselos

Seconded: Alma Douglas

Carried: unanimous

b) Sculpture by the Sea - Traffic

There was general discussion about the \$16,000 of direct funding along with significant in kind support, to Sculptures by The Sea. The Mayor floated the idea of starting SBTS earlier (around daylight saving time) as well as the Sculptures starting at Hall St - Bondi Pavilion near the shops.

Some attendees suggested that business should subsidise SBTS not Council. Others felt State / Federal funding should be sought given international visitors are attracted to this event.

c) DAs

i) 1 and 3 Tipper Avenue

The meeting welcomed residents from Tipper Ave to discuss DA 240/11

2 blocks of land have been re-subdivided into one large block and one small block

This has significant impact upon the public walkway

The DA will also destroy the visual impact of the beach through overshadowing and blocking. Safety of the people using the walkway will also be compromised as the safety barrier will be removed. Bronte Precinct agreed to write a letter of support concerning the public walkway and mooted removal of the safety barrier.

d) High Hedges

The meeting was advised of a high hedge (6 meter trees) on a boundary which created significant overshadowing for the neighbouring property.

The meeting was also advised that Council could not do anything about reducing the height of the hedge.

It was mentioned that the NSW Government was possibly putting in an amendment to legislation (?) to reduce hedge heights.

People could also pay the L&E court \$206b for them to investigate

Motion: Council conduct a review of hedge heights

Moved: Eileen Pena

Seconded: Paula Masselos

Carried: unanimous

e) Hewlett St

A request was made to paint a 'slow down' sign on the road

f) Tamarama Park

An update on 362 Birrell St was made including Council's intention to purchase the back lot.

g) Dunny Lane

The meeting was advised of the dumping of rubbish in the dunny lanes.

Weeds along with morning glory were also invading the lanes.
The meeting was advised that the lanes are on the top of the list to investigate and to Act. The Precinct should also investigate.

h) Infringement Notices

Alma suggested that the number of infringement notices issued should be published in the paper.

6. General Business

a) Back lanes / garbage bins

There is a need to enforce bins being taken in to people's properties and not kept out in the narrow lanes.

New DAs should ensure there is space for garbage bins on the premises.

Pru is to follow this up.

Action: Clr Pru Cancian is to follow up.

b) Inappropriate Nature Strip Planting

It was reported that ficus trees have been planted and the suggestion that these are inappropriate. Some trees are planted too close to driveways resulting in car doors not able to be opened.

The Mayor advised there is a current Mayoral Minute to examine current Place Management including a focus on cleanliness more broadly.

The introduction of Local Place Monitors is also planned.

Link to be sent.

c) Foxes

It was reported that there are 3 foxes living on Tamarama Marine Drive.

They dig holes in gardens, they undermine walls and they kill birds.

The meeting was advised this issue was being put to Council next Tuesday night.

Motion: That the Bronte Precinct thank Cl Tony Kay for his prompt action in taking up the matter of foxes in Tamarama Marine Drive with Council.

Moved: Prof Grant Heard

Seconded: Michael Donnan

Carried: unanimous

Motion: That the Bronte Precinct request Waverley Council to take up urgent action to remove the foxes from Council land in Tamarama Marine Drive.

Moved: Prof Grant Heard

Seconded: Michael Donnan

Carried: Unanimous

Meeting closed 9.00pm.