

Minutes of meeting of the Rose Bay Precinct held on Monday, 4 July 2022:

- Chairperson:** Bruce Woolf
- Attendees:** 8 residents plus Committee members; Sanday & Woolf
- Councillors:** Cr Sally Betts, Cr Tony Kay
- Apologies:** Cr William Nemesh, Cr Steven Lewis
- Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 February 2022 were read and accepted by the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes (and Agenda).

None.

There was a discussion among the residents about the Chaleyer St Traffic and Parking issues listed in the Minutes and the merits and details of the ‘passing bay’ solutions implemented by the residents (with Council and Cr Steven Lewis assistance) in Onslow St to address similar issues.

Agenda.

1. AGM

Current Precinct Committee members Woolf and Sanday nominated and were re-elected, unopposed, to their positions of Convenor, Bruce Woolf, and Secretary, David Sanday.

The vacant position of Traffic Co-ordinator was filled by Barry White.

2. Development Applications (DAs)

Bruce advised the meeting that as Convenor he receives notifications from Council of DAs for work on buildings within the Precinct; most of these are additions/renovations to residential homes. Three DA’s in particular were highlighted;

2.1 Seven Eleven/Caltex site cnr. OSH Rd and Albemarle Ave, now owned by Woolworths who are going to turn it into a click and collect home delivery store. Original DA plans by WW were for a retail shop a ground level with residential units above.

2.2 Beaumont St; Planned unit development (for the elderly) at 53,55 & 57 has been rejected and new plans for the site have been drawn up. The new plans call for two (2) residential houses to be built on the site.

2.3. Electricity Substation, William St. possible reuse of the site as a catering business, (apparently known as a ‘dark kitchen’, which would produce food/meals for UBER Eats style pick up and home delivery.

3. Beaumont St – Traffic and Parking issues

Resident led the discussion; A 3metre wide street with a high traffic flow in both directions. A number of incidents of cars speeding (in both directions), damage to cars, accidents with residents backing out of driveways into oncoming traffic. Speed humps were considered as a way of controlling traffic, although not everyone in favour of certain types of street humps

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3. Beaumont St – Traffic and Parking issues (contd.)

Resident highlighted the benefits of installing mirrors on the telegraph poles to monitor oncoming traffic and blind spots as a way of preventing accidents. Spoke of the success of the mirror attached to the telegraph at the top end of Beaumont St where the street twists and turns quite sharply.

Another resident advised that a traffic counter had been installed in early 2022, however, the results of which did not go to Council. Upon follow up, Cr Betts was advised that the Council had determined that Beaumont St and Blake St were similar and therefore there was no need to go ahead with raising 'traffic calming' review in Beaumont St due to this already being rejected on Blake St.

Mayor Paula Masselos as Chairman of Traffic Committee and Cr Tony Kay, Vice Chair believed that the traffic counts of Beaumont St should have been forwarded to the Traffic Committee for review and follow up action. Mayor Masselos advised that she would take up the issue with the Council staff by getting Waverley Council GM involved in the residents' traffic issues.

Cr. Kay advised the residents that they should set up a small sub-committee and via bullet point format draft a Project Brief detailing the issues, noting the results of the traffic count with suggestions to manage the Beaumont St traffic for submission to Council.

Resolution:

“The Precinct supports Council officers investigating problems of traffic in Blake Street, Dover Heights including speed safety and issues raised by residents and requests Council officers prepare a report to the Council’s traffic committee.”

4. Presentation by Mayor Paula Masselos: ‘Lived Experience of Overdevelopment’.

Mayor Masselos recently moved a Motion at Council concerning Overdevelopment in the Waverley LGA, which was unanimously supported by all Councillors. (A full copy of that Motion is attached to these Minutes).

The issue of Overdevelopment, i.e. too many units being built and the subsequent impacts that these developments have on residents such as congested roads, parking opportunities, full schools, overshadowing and the cumulative impact of ongoing overdevelopment has been an issue for residents for some time now.

Council via Mayor Masselos’s Motion is a recognition of the issue and an attempt to address the residents’ concerns.

Principally this will be done via the appointment of a Community Planning Advocate who will be independent of the Planning, Environment and Regulatory directorate.

The idea is for this person to educate, create awareness and provide education programs for residents about planning matters. Subjects to be covered include: NSW Planning system, Local Environment Plan (LEP), Development Control Plan (DCP), the approval process, how to read plans, information sheets about DAs and Webinars about planning matters.

Full details about the role are still to be ‘fleshed out’, said the Mayor.

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5. General Business

Resident from Chaley St raised the issue car drivers using the verges for parking and/or for the purpose of performing U-turns. Strongly suggested Council install posts on the verges to discourage drivers. Cr Betts advised the resident to contact to her and she would follow up.

Thank You

The Rose Bay Precinct would like to extend its Thanks and appreciation to the Mayor Paula Masselos for her presentation and participation in tonight's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8.35pm