

QUEENS PARK PRECINCT PUBLIC MEETING

14 May 2014

commencing 7pm Waverley Library Theatrette

Co-Conveners: Simon Swifte and Peter Cohen
Apologies: Councillor Masselos, Councillor Burrell, Roma Gillam, Simon Carless
Councillors present: Andrew Cusack,

Centennial Park Report – presented by Geoff Reinhard (Centennial Park)

- The operations of Centennial Parklands and Moore Park, the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, the Domain, The Australian Botanic Garden Mt Annan and the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mt Tomah Botanic Garden will be merged.
- The rational is to bring the operations together for efficiency and one executive body.
- Operations to continue as they are.
- No reduction in Centennial Park staff or budget.
- Centennial Park generates its own revenue and receives no grant from State government.

Centennial Park proposals

- Master plan for blue print/definition for future is conceptual. Ratio of hard to soft surfaces is fixed. Cannot put in parking lots.
- Wild outer park, tame inner park concept.
- Reverse Park Drive for traffic flow from south to middle.
- Vernon Pavilion (middle) catering van license is due and will be put out to tender.
- Replace van with a permanent structure that will incorporate new toilets. A concern was voiced that this will raise the prices as the operating expenses will be higher.

West Oxford St Precinct Plan – presented by Mathew Gain (Bondi Junction Precinct)

Mathew went through the a presentation he made for the group 'Save Bondi Junction', who want the development to be in line with the LEP 2012

Web site: <http://savewestbondijunction.com>

Simon Swifte and Peter Cohen had attended a meeting with council on Tuesday 13 May, where they raised concerns on amount of traffic that will be funnelled through Queens Park. Peter Monks (Director, Planning and Environmental Services) had said that the government would not be doing much with the bus depot.

Peter Cohen gave a brief on the development from the display organized by the council last night at Easts Leagues Club.

Election of Committee

Councillor Cusack chaired the AGM election

Co-Convenor: Peter Cohen nominated by Simon Swifte, seconded by Ian Barber

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Secretary: Roma Gillam nominated by Michael Ahrens, seconded by Ian Barber

Committee members all accepted unopposed:

Ian Barber,
Simon Carless,
Michael Ahrens,
George Feurlicht,
Daniel Bando, and
Roma Gillam.

Minutes of meeting on 12 February 2014

Moved to accept: Michael Ahrens *seconded:* Robyn Short

Actions from previous meetings

- Andrew Cusack - Shopping trolleys. Letter was written to Peter Brown, General Manager Westfield regarding the increase in abandoned shopping trolleys. People bypassing locking, supermarkets asked to improve, council will impound, resident suggested fining people if leaving with trolley – not viable as people do not have to give ID. Peter Cohen reported that shopping trolleys at Chatswood have a more substantial locking mechanism. Links to on council web site.
- Coles & Woolworths have their own site to report abandoned shopping trolleys but it is suggested that it is better to report these to council so there is a file of incidents.

April Police report – from Waverley Community Safety Committee

- Ian Barber reported that since April,
- break and enters on dwellings have decreased,
- thefts from cars is stable,
- robberies are stable,
- stolen cars have decreased,
- assaults (non-domestic violence), an increase due to summer months,
- steal from retail decreased,
- steal from dwelling (including mail theft), increased,
- Malicious damage (including damage to cars), decreased due to better dealing with hotels and alcohol issues.
- How is malicious damage to private vehicles parked outside another property managed? This was discussed and the best thing to do is report it to the police as this will create a history of the offences and the police will be able to determine that it is only certain vehicles that are not affected.
Using surveillance cameras can be an issue as it can lead to neighbourhood conflicts.

Moriah College

- Consultative committee. Michael Ahrens, Simon Swifte and Peter Cohen attended. Reported that the Queens Park gate is much less frequently used.
- It was reported that students are regularly being picked up in Denison St by parents who double park and leave engine running. Police and rangers cannot do much if there is no violation of any laws.
- Next consultative meeting with Moriah College will be 5 June.

Traffic

- Through traffic is getting worse, Newland St becoming clogged for its whole length at times.
- Council does not have revised plan, Andrew Cusack stated that he would like to have traffic study done but the cost is very high.
- Suggestion that there be an entrance to Westfield from Sid Einfield Drive.
- Motion to limit building in Bondi Junction so as not to increase traffic.

General Business

- Discussion on large graffiti on wall on corner of Ebley & Newland Streets. The consensus was that this was not offensive. It was suggested that a mural could be put on this wall.
- The Scout Movement has organised for Scout Hall on Queens Park Rd to be demolished.

Motion

In recognition of the fact that the inevitable result of erecting more high-rise buildings in Bondi Junction will be greater traffic congestion, resolved that council be asked not to sell its properties within Bondi Junction to permit approval by the purchaser of high rise structures. *Raised:* Michael Ahrens *Seconded:* Ian Barber

Next meeting: 13 August 2014