

BRONTE BEACH PRECINCT

A meeting of the Bronte Beach Precinct was held on Wednesday June 21st at the Lugar Brae Church Hall and was opened by Chair Greg Vaughan at 7.30pm

Number Present: 11

Councillors Present: Mayor Masselos.

Apologies: Councillor Burrill, John Batts, Sally Kendall, Sybilla Franke, Cathy Davitt, Ute Geise and Louise Mitchell

Minutes from May meeting

Proposer Susan Hely

Secunder Michael Hudson

Passed unanimously.

2.161 MacPherson St. Bronte Land & Environment Court hearing is scheduled for July 21st.

3. Waverley War Memorial

Greg reported that a community briefing by Council was due to proceed the next day the 22nd.on Zoom. However, it was reported concern from Friends of the War Memorial that the 30% deep soil planting required by the LEP with increased height granted had not been met in the Site specific DCP. This would result in 30% canopy cover not being achieved. It was noted that Uniting was not likely to conform with this requirement . In addition Uniting was opposed to Council's concern to maintain access to the site by the public from Birrell St. which was the traditional site entry. It was reported that more than 50% of people from Bushell & Johnston had been relocated already. The concern is that Uniting will move to have the site declared State Significant resulting in the Council losing its ability to control the development on the site.

4. Bronte Surf Club

The meeting was advised by the Mayor that there had been a change in architects. This was due to criticism by the Design Excellence Panel in which a number of areas needed to be addressed, including that the design was too orientated to a domestic rather than a commercial building. This resulted in the plans needing to be redesigned. A new team of architects was appointed – Warren & Mahoney, they have designed the Mona Vale Surf Club on the northern beaches. It was believed that they could meet the deadlines.

Increased Density

In response to recent statements by the Premier and Ministers over the need to increase urban density there was a discussion about the possibility of increased densification and affordable housing in Waverley.

The Mayor mentioned the inadequacy of Affordable Housing provision in new developments in the Municipality. The latest development in West Oxford St. by Stargate will not be providing Affordable Housing. Waverley has 7486 people per sq. kilometer which is a greater density than Berlin and London.

Motion

Background: In the course of discussion on the homeless challenge it was noted that there are many buildings and flats in Waverley which remain unoccupied by their owners

Bronte Beach Precinct requests that W.Council works with the State Government to develop economic disincentives for owners who leave property uninhabited and developers who hold land for more than 5years without developing it .

Proposer Michael Hudson seconder Susan Hely. Passed unanimously.

In further news from The Mayor it was noted that the Charing Cross upgrade should be commencing soon, the Boot Factory should be ready for occupation at the end of July and the Community Planning Advocate has started working at Council. She is a lawyer with an anthropology degree.

The Voice

It was reported that residents had started kitchen table advisory sessions in which those who have questions and concerns may contact this group for further advice and discussion on any issue connected with The Voice.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.