

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 90th MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 5PM
IN THE JOHNSON ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE

Present: The Mayor, Jilly Gibson in the Chair.

Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre
John Meadows, Crows Nest/Holtermann Precinct
Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct
Zar Bingham, Crows Nest Mainstreet Ltd
Keith Reay, Bean Drinking
Nathan John, Better Business Partnership
Denise Nichols, Resident
Wayne Sammut, Coles (Developer)

Council Staff:

Adam Deutsch, Projects Manager
Emma Booth, Team Leader Design (Strategic Planning)
Peita Rose, Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5pm

- 2. Apologies:** Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services, Councillor Veronique Marchandean, Dennis Xenos - Crows Nest Mainstreet Ltd, Rudy Dietz - Crows Nest Mainstreet Ltd, Tracey Stevens - Montezuma's Restaurant

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 89th Meeting held on Tuesday 4 October 2016 were adopted.

Moved by John Meadows
Seconded by Zar Bingham

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. Projects Update

5.1 Pacific Highway Public Domain Upgrade

In 2015 Council put out a tender for Public Domain Upgrade of footpaths along the Pacific Highway; from Shirley Road to Oxley Street on the west side and Falcon Street to Hume Street on the East. This first stage of the upgrade has been completed. More upgrading will be done to the Pacific Highway when funding becomes available.

5.2 Alexander Street Car Park/Woolworths

The Alexander Street Car Park has been operating for almost a year now. In that time, there has been a problem with traffic delays in Alexander Street that in turn effected the operation of the Car Park. The lights in Falcon Street have contributed to this problem and the RMS has been notified. On occasions, the RMS have remotely changed the phasing of the Falcon Street lights to alleviate the Alexander Street traffic and parking delays. Council and RMS are continuing to monitor this issue.

It was stated that the pavers in the area outside Woolworths are broken and haven't been fixed. Council is working with Woolworths in an attempt to rectify the paving issues .

It was stated by a member that the Burlington Street and Alexander Street crossing is a danger to pedestrians. It is a very narrow crossing and it is hidden by a taxi rank. Through the Traffic Committee, Council has requested a second crossing be installed however, the RMS will not permit a second pedestrian crossing this close to the existing crossing on Burlington Street.

5.3 Ernest Place Substation Relocation Update

Council's Projects Manager stated that the substation adjacent Bravo Trattoria is currently being relocated to behind the water feature (fountain) in Ernest Place. The relocation works will require excavation and trenching from the proposed location into the grassed area closest to the Crows Nest Centre and the work is expected to be completed June 2017.

5.4 Banner Poles - Willoughby Road and Ernest Place

The Crows Nest Mainstreet Easter banner flags are underway and will be installed on the poles in March.

5.5 Ernest Place Turf

All grass to the east and west side of Ernest Place is to be returfed following the completion of the substation relocation works. Following the returfing, the area will be barricaded off to allow the new grass to establish.

5.6 Ernest Plaza Public Domain Upgrade

Council's Projects Manager updated the Committee on the upgrade. The tender is to go out in March/April for the following:

- Repaving will extend along Ernest Street between Willoughby Lane and Alexander Street.
- The current gooseneck lighting is in a state of disrepair and will be replaced with Council's new standard.
- Decorative tree lighting will be installed.
- 4 large London Plain trees along the north side are to remain and 6 smaller Golden Elm trees will be replaced.
- New furniture is to be installed.

The Mayor left the meeting at 6.11pm.

5.7 Crows Nest Food Rescue & Compromising project

Nathan John from Better Business Partnership (BBP), a joint Council service funded by Ku-ring-gai, North Sydney and Willoughby City Council's updated the Committee on BBP's continuing work in partnership with North Sydney Council and Crows Nest Mainstreet Ltd around assisting local businesses within the Crows Nest village area to reduce waste and recycle more.

As part of this work, it is proposed that a Commercial Food Waste Collection and Composting Service be introduced. It is envisaged that this service would reduce the volume of waste collection trucks movements and reduce noise and odour issues associated with food waste awaiting collection in local laneways and streets.

In 2016 BBP submitted a grant application to the NSW Environmental Trust in partnership with North Sydney Council and Crows Nest Mainstreet in order to seek funding to support this proposed project. In late 2016 the NSW Environmental Trust advised that \$330,000 has been awarded to BBP and its project partners to support the implementation of this project.

Currently BBP is working with North Sydney Council and Crows Nest Mainstreet to complete a final feasibility report before entering into a grant agreement with the NSW Environmental Trust.

6 Strategic Planning

6.1 Hume Street Park Expansion Project/ Metro Train

Council's Strategic Planning Team Leader Design updated the Committee on the Hume Street Park Expansion Project and Metro Train.

The Project has been through the consultation stage and is currently at the DA stage 1 works. Lodgement for the DA is expected to commence in July 2017.

6.2 Coles DA Rebuilding

Wayne Sammut from Coles Supermarket updated the Committee on the progress of the Coles development.

The construction of the development started on 27th January 2017. The in ground works are to commence June/July 2017. There will be a four level car park with basement parking and there will be 9 specialty stores in the complex. The estimated time of completion and centre to open is the end of 2018. The works are from Monday to Friday only and no works on the weekend. A marketing campaign will be established in the next few months.

6.3 Priority Precinct update

Council's Strategic Planning Team Leader Design updated the Committee on the Priority Precinct review. In July 2016 the Department of Planning and Environment announced the review. The priority precinct includes Crows Nest as far as West Street, St Leonards and the Artarmon Industrial Area.

Under the review, the Department is investigating:

- New housing, including affordable housing;
- Employment;
- Transport;
- Public domain and community facilities; and
- Education.

A Project Working Group has been set up to oversee technical studies commissioned by the Department. In addition, a Project Control Group has been established, which is an executive level group chaired by Dr Deborah Dearing, North District Commissioner. Councillor Baker is the representative for Council on the Advisory Panel.

It is anticipated a draft Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy will go on exhibition later this year for public comment.

To assist community comment on the draft Strategy, Council has prepared the Crows Nest Placemaking and Principles Study 2016. It was informed by a community survey that was run in March/April 2016 that elicited around 1000 replies.

7 Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) update

The Committee is working on the AGM for the end of month.

Crows Nest Mainstreet are currently applying for a grant for carols at Christmas.

The Committee would like a Christmas tree for Ernest Place for the christmas period this year.

8. General Business

It was stated that additional bins are needed in certain locations in the area.

9. Next Meeting - 19 September 2017

10. Close Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.