

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CREMORNE SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 83RD MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2019
AT 5.30PM AT THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION,
NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Present: Diana Mejia, Project Manager (Chair)

U. Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce
M. De Solom, Co-convenor Harrison Precinct
C. Quinn, Local Business, Exagym
J. Henderson, Designer/Resident
G. Short, Brightmore Precinct
A. Mison, Resident
I. Pepic, Resident

Council: Diana Mejia, Project Manager
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm, with Council's Project Manager in the Chair.

2. Apologies

Councillor Gibson - Mayor, Councillor Keen, Jean Shaw, Judy Shaw.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 82nd Meeting held on 4 June 2019 were adopted.

Moved by U. Funch and seconded by M. De Solom

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

5. Military Road Corridor Study

Council's Project Manager updated the Committee stating that at present Council is working on stage 1 of the Military Road Corridor Study Project which covers Neutral Bay. Between August and September 2019, Council released the first paper for public consultation, this describes the objectives and ideas, which included all the options and alternatives that Council want to have to improve the corridor as well as the open space and the community infrastructure. The Strategic plan of the Military Road Corridor Study covers from when it is adopted to 2036, a 20 year strategic plan.

Council released the second paper for consultation which was an analysis paper, it included all the background of the document, from which this Council received 260 submissions.

Council's City Strategy Department are currently on track to do a report on the public engagement for the council meeting on 28 October 2019, the community feedback report will also be a starting point for the future directions paper, scheduled to be released for consultation in 2020 and this document will have a clear idea on what is to be proposed along the corridor, it will also talk about building heights. The feedback on building heights has been very mixed, some people are in favour of high rise and some people are not. Council is looking at this in detail and also looking at outside market advice. The City Strategic Department are also looking at the detail of the building heights they want to allow along the corridor. Council wants to keep the village atmosphere in Cremorne, and Council wants to protect that. This is scheduled to be drafted and expected to go on public exhibition early in January 2020.

M. De Solom stated that the Cremorne Streetscape Committee would like their own Planning Study for Cremorne.

Council's Project Manager stated that she would find out if the City Strategy Department has a Planning Study for Cremorne.

6. Public domain and B-Line works Update

Council's Project Manager updated the Committee stating that the Civil Works for Cremorne started on 8 October 2019, during this time there will be some night work.

Part of the works for the B-line is planting new trees. M. De Solom requested to discuss the following:

B-line: Tree Replacement

A 'tree' at the corner of Holt & Military - the tree is situated directly outside the new apartment at 148 Holt Avenue. the 'tree' is very small and bent over in all directions. It would be great if this tree could be replaced with a stronger, healthier and potentially larger tree as part of the B-line tree replacement program. Given that B-line removed several trees directly around the corner on Military Rd, this request should hopefully be reasonable and actionable.

Council's Project Manager stated that Council is quoting the installation of the trees, this will close on 9 October, the tree installation is expected to start mid-November 2019 which will be as per the B-line landscape design.

Planter Boxes in Cremorne

It was stated by U. Funch, from the Cremorne Chamber of Commerce that the planter boxes along Military Road, Cremorne were paid for by the Chamber of Commerce and stated that the planter boxes have all been removed and would like to know what is happening with them.

Council's Project Manager stated that she will find out where the planter boxes are and when they will be put back in as well as the landscape design. The Project Manager will speak to Open Space Department to find out about the tree on the Corner of Holt and Military Road.

M. De Solom requested to discuss the following:

Military Road

Holt/Military intersection, as you can see this is a very wide intersection with pedestrians brought into direct conflict with cars and buses. There is a route heavily used by school students in the morning and afternoons. Hopefully as part of the streetscape upgrade, we can also discuss ways to improve pedestrian safety. The Spencer & Cabramatta intersections are also problematic in similar ways.

The Committee has asked that the Director Engineering and Property Services explain what is being done with the upgrade to the lights in Cremorne.

U. Funch from the Cremorne Chamber of Commerce stated that residents and shop owners are still objecting to the bus stop relocation and also the b-line 3 lane tidal flow, which affects pedestrian movement, safety and traffic flow.

7. New Urban Branding for Neutral Bay and Cremorne Villages

At the July Council meeting, it was decided to put the urban branding on hold for a Councillor briefing. At the Councillor briefing there was no agreement in what direction to take the branding for Cremorne and Neutral Bay. Council's Director Engineering and Property Services and the General Manager will be having discussions as to what direction they want to go with the branding. It was stated that Council is looking into doing branding for the whole of the LGA instead of just Neutral Bay and Cremorne, so now that it is on hold it won't be carried out with the current Streetscape upgrade. At present Council is reassessing the scope of the branding exercise with the whole LGA in mind.

8. Streetscape Committee

15 Minute Free Parking – Parraween Street

The concessions of Parraween Street were considered by The Traffic Committee back in July 2019, it was adopted at the Council meeting in August 2019, parking meters along William Street and Macpherson Street on both sides will have 15 minutes free parking for 1 year trial. The 15 minutes parking trial will start soon.

C. Quin stated that he would like an update on the loading zones.

Parraween Street Car Park

It was stated by Council's Project Manager that the Parraween Street car park is on hold at present.

Lights in Trees in Cremorne Plaza

It was stated that there needs to be more lights in the trees in the Cremorne Plaza and it was suggested that the lights need to be changed to a warm white with more lights on the arms of the trees.

Council's Project Manager will look into there being more lights on the trees before the Christmas period.

It was stated by M. De Solom that the "gateway" to Cremorne (the pocket park at the corner of Murdoch & Military) needs beautification and maintenance. In particular the vegetation has overgrown so much that the building which houses the current Community Mental Health Centre is almost hidden. Whilst the review of the urban branding is on hold, this main gateway to Cremorne will benefit from a general tidy up of the vegetation.

Wayfinding Signage

It was suggested that there be more Wayfinding signs to show people how to get around the area, with car parking as well as the walkways in Cremorne.

Plaques outside the Orpheum Theatre in Cremorne

It was stated by U. Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce, he has suggested previously at the streetscape meetings that Council look into putting plaques for actors like Nicole Kidman, Geoffrey Rush, Russel Crow etc, (Australian Actors) in the pavement outside the Orpheum Theatre on the pavement.

9. General Business

Council's Project Manager stated that at the last meeting it was requested that 'No Smoking' signs be put up around the Cremorne area, mainly at the bus stops.

Council's Project Manager stated that the 'No Smoking' signs at bus stops will be carried out with the Civil Works that are being done at present.

J. Henderson stated that she has a community project that she submitted with the NSW Government. The NSW Government opened this to anyone in the community, she submitted a mural for Grosvenor Lane which is called "Eat Street Laneway Mural", J. Henderson didn't win and therefore didn't get funding to go ahead with her mural. J. Henderon will continue to keep the project alive and try for funding next year.

10. Next meeting: TBC

11. Close meeting: 6.40 pm.