

## NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

### NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF THE 146<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 5.30 PM IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**Present:**

Rick Doran, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce  
Kalia Jeffries, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce

Council:

Adam Deutsch, Projects Manager  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**Apologies:**

Representation from the Northern Beaches B-Line

1. **Meeting opened** at 5.31pm, with Adam Deutsch, Council's Projects Manager in the Chair.

2. **Apologies**

Jilly Gibson - Mayor

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 145th Meeting held on 7 February 2017 were adopted.

Moved by Rick Doran and seconded by Kalia Jeffries.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Nil.

5. **Projects Update**

##### **5.1 Grosvenor Street Public Domain Upgrade**

Grosvenor Street Public Domain Upgrade between Ben Boyd Road and Young Street has been completed. Works include new paving, furniture and trees on the commercial side of Grosvenor Street. In the coming weeks, the outstanding bike racks will be installed.

Rick Doran from the Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce stated that the Paving Masterplan looks great especially around Grosvenor Lane and Young Street.

The proposed next stage of work will be to repave on the north side of Military Road between Ben Boyd Road and Young Street.

## **5.2 Banner poles – May Gibbs birthday banner and new banner designs**

Council has gained approval for the Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce to use the May Gibbs Gumnut Babies in a design for banners.

## **5.3 Additional banner pole locations**

Seven new banner flag poles are proposed for adjacent Woolworths, Rangers Road, and on the corner of Military Road and Waters Road. The new banner flag poles are expected to be installed before Christmas and will fit the same flags as those elsewhere in Neutral Bay. This should be considered in the next banner flag order.

## **5.4 Streets Alive program – Young Lane**

Hugh Goodman- Council's Streets Alive Co-ordinator provided two new custom built community gardens in Young Lane.

Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce expressed their appreciation for the work to date on Young Lane and enquired if the same could be done to Grosvenor Lane. Grosvenor Lane upgrade has been considered and early concepts are present, the Neutral Bay and Cremorne Public Domain Upgrade plan available on Council's website, however, to see the project progressed to construction will require funding being allocated by Council.

*It was requested by the Chamber of Commerce that the Mayor and the relevant Ward Councillors attend the next meeting with a focus on Neutral Bay.*

## **5.5 Fairy Lights**

Council has appointed a contractor to install decorative tree lighting on Young Street between Military Road and Grosvenor Lane on the eastern side adjacent the Architects office, pizza shop and Socal. This work is expected to be completed in time for Christmas.

## **6. Northern Beaches B-Line update**

The state infrastructure project of the B-Line has progressed to the implementation.

Communication has opened up and Council is in contact with the B-Line team regarding the construction work. To date, the B-Line has agreed to use the material and finishes presented in the North Sydney Council Public Domain Style Guide which will ensure consistency within North Sydney. Although tree removal is required by the project, Council is working with the B-Line team to reduce the impact where possible.

It is very early days but the B-Line is considering providing funding to see further pedestrian and public domain improvements along Military Road and is working with Council to put together an agreement about how this would work.

**7. Chamber of Commerce**

**7.1 Police matters**

Nothing at present.

**7.2 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator**

The Chamber continues to organise banner flags and holds three networking functions throughout the year.

**7.3 RMS Transport: Military Road kerbside parking**

Council won't be able to stop Transport for NSW and/or RMS with planned implementation of the B-Line project. Representation from the B-Line team were invited to tonight's meeting however they declined to attend.

**8. General Business**

Chamber of Commerce would like to set up a meeting with Director of Planning – Joseph Hill to discuss changes to building height.

Chamber of Commerce stated that they have two to five level developments which developers aren't interested in and they need to go to at least 10 levels.

At present there are less retail amenity because there is less commercial tenants because of the residential conversion. The idea is if we go for 10 levels we say to the developer it's compulsory for you to have two (2) levels of commercial use.

*7.4 - Town Planning is to be added to the agenda, and in light of what has happened in St Leonards with the Voluntary Planning Agreements the Chamber of Commerce would like to see that concept explored in Neutral Bay as at present they are only allowed the five levels.*

**9. Next Meeting - TBA**

**10. Close meeting**