

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 145th MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY,
7 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 5.30 PM IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present:

Richard O’Grady, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Rick Doran, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Kalia Jeffries, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Rivoli Howard, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
Ulrick Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce

Council:

Adam Deutsch, Projects Manager
Nigel Turner, Strategic Transport Planner
Peita Rose, Corporate Administration Support Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.35pm, with the Mayor in the Chair.

2. Apologies

Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 144th Meeting held on 27 September 2016 were adopted.

Moved by Richard O’Grady and Seconded by Kalia Jeffries.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the previous Streetscape Committee meeting.

5. Projects Update

5.1 Grosvenor Street Public Domain Upgrade

The tenders for the upgrading of Grosvenor Street opened end of December 2016 and will close on 8 February 2017. A report will be put to the Council meeting on 20 February and works are expected to start around April 2017.

The following will be upgraded:

- Re-paving of the southern side of Grosvenor Street between Ben Boyd Road and Young Street;
- New trees;
- New stickers on the parking bay;

- New street furniture;
- New kerb and gutter;

5.2 Banner poles

Rick Doran from Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce stated that the banner poles are looking great.

The Easter banner poles are currently in production; design has been approved by Kalia Jeffries from Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Having two or three Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce banners allow an 8-week rotation and smooth change over, to maintain interest and vibrancy in the streetscape.

5.2.1 Tramway Traffic Island

The maintenance and defect period of the banner poles and landscape upgrade to Tramway Traffic Island has come to an end and this project is now complete.

5.2.2 May Gibbs birthday banner and new banner designs

Council's Projects Manager will find out when May Gibb's birthday is so that it can be celebrated. It was suggested that gum nut characters be put on the banner for this occasion.

Post meeting follow up: May Gibbs was born on 17th January 1877. Council is willing to assist gaining permission, prior to using May Gibbs characters in any banner designs.

5.2.3 Additional banner pole locations

Council is willing to investigate possible location for new banner pole installation. For design aesthetics, poles are best placed in groups of three spaced at four metre intervals. No poles are allowed on Military Road medians narrower than three metres for safety reasons.

Suggested places for the poles are:

- Grosvenor Street Carpark (3 on each side) 6 in total;
- The corner of Rangers Road and Military Road, outside the entrance to Woolworths;
- On Waters Road and Rangers Road.

5.3 New Public Amenities Facility for Neutral Bay

The new amenities opened a couple of weeks before Christmas, the amenities are made of reflective stainless steel finish which shows up the reflection from the grass.

5.4 Streets Alive program – Young Lane

Council has been working with Tonic Line and North Sydney Council's Streets Alive Program to refurbish two of the Bamboo planter boxes for use as community herb gardens. The boxes are 80cm high and extend half way down Young Lane. A temporary mural will be painted around the three exposed sides of the planter pots to provide colour and interest in the laneway.

6. Strategic Planning

6.1 North Beaches B-Line (proposed bus service along Military Road)

Council's Strategic Planner is in the process of sending a report to the 20 February Council meeting in response to the B-Line Environmental factors report.

The Committee have asked if they could see the report once it has been to Council.

Motion: The Mayor is to deliver a message to Council at the meeting on behalf of the Neutral Bay and Cremorne Chamber of Commerce:

- Third option: A tunnel (Warringah expressway)
- Both the Neutral Bay and Cremorne Chamber of Commerce wish to convey to Council the strongest possible objection to losing any parking and diminish pedestrian and safety amenity. These buses will be saving commuters 10 minutes on a 50 minute trip from the Northern Beach to the City.
- It is unacceptable for the northern beaches to have all the gain and Neutral Bay and Cremorne have all the pain.
- The Mayor is to write a letter to the Premier of NSW on behalf of both the Neutral Bay and Cremorne Chamber of Commerce to discuss the growing concerns of the B-Line on the businesses and residents of Neutral Bay and Cremorne.

For further information please refer to the general website link:

<http://b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au>

and newsletter link:

http://b-line.transport.nsw.gov.au/files/B-line_February-WCAG.PDF

7. Chamber of Commerce

7.1 Police matters

Nothing was discussed.

7.2 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator

Kalia Jeffries from the Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce showed the Committee a magazine called “Manly” which advertises businesses in the Manly area and stated that the Chamber would like to produce one for Neutral Bay. It comes out every 6 months and is self funding,

8.3 RMS Transport: Military Road kerbside parking

8. General Business

Grosvenor Lane

The Mayor will have a meeting with Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services to see how the shared zone is progressing.

It was suggested that there be:

- Shared pedestrian zone
- Raised threshold;
- Vertical deflection;
- Trees be put into laneway;
- Reduce speed from 60 to 10.

9. Next Meeting - 5 September 2017.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.