

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 29 September 2022

Starting at 7 pm



Sketch by renowned local artist Peter Kingston

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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1. Welcome, apologies, 25 August minutes

There were 19 attendees plus one guest and 13 apologies, including the Precinct Chair. LM chaired the meeting. The meeting accepted the minutes of the 25 August meeting.

2. Guest attendee

The meeting Chair welcomed Kylea Tink MP, Federal Member for North Sydney. Kylea said that she wants to stay connected with the local community and be their voice.

Kylea has spoken with the Federal Environment Minister and the State Member about the proposed Harbour Bridge cycle ramp and been promised a meeting with Transport for NSW (TfNSW). She has contacted the Sydney Harbour Trust about the need to protect the environment around the foreshore. Kylea recognises the magnitude of the community's concerns about TfNSW's plans for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link and the significant impact on Berry Street and the North Sydney LGA.

Kylea spoke about her advocacy for social justice, human rights, transparency and reduced carbon footprints, and answered several questions from the floor. The meeting Chair thanked Kylea for her time and interest in the issues of concern to the community.

3. State Government items

(a) Harbour Bridge cycle ramp: A working group has prepared a community notice about the local community's concerns about the linear ramp option proposed by Transport for NSW (TfNSW). These concerns include heritage impacts, loss of green open space, safety for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

The Bradfield Park Central alternative is strongly supported in the local community. The notice has been letterboxed in the local area and asks people to contact the relevant ministers and shadow ministers, to advise them of their concerns and request that TfNSW work with Council and the community on a Bradfield Park Central approach.

- (b) Luna Park Big Minions Skate and Shake rink:** The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) has responded to community complaints about the construction of a roller-skating rink on Lavender Green, which is outside the exempt and complying development rides and amusement zone in the State Environmental Planning Policy.

DPE states that they did not identify a breach of the relevant planning controls, because the event could reasonably be characterised as a type of development approved under the Luna Park consents. One of our members is trying to clarify DPE's reasoning.

4. Council items

- (a) Blues Point Hotel tree:** The Norfolk Island Pine behind the Blues Point Hotel has recently been removed. The meeting heard that it was a magnificent tree and had been removed with no notice to the community.
- (b) East Crescent Street, Streets as Shared Spaces:** Council resolved at its 12 September [meeting](#) to proceed with Option 2a, with a trial period from December 2022 to March 2023. Council resolved that the post-trial report would include a traffic study and human movement study. Construction is scheduled for six weeks from 14 November.
- (c) Council consultations closing soon:** Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy ([feedback](#) closes on Monday, 10 October), Amended Code of Meeting Practice ([feedback](#) closes on Monday, 10 October), Milson Park Kayak Storage ([feedback](#) closes on Monday, 31 October), Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan Review ([survey](#) closes on Tuesday, 1 November) and Miller Street Pop-up ([feedback](#) closes on Wednesday, 2 November). These items were not discussed, but were included in the meeting notice.
- (d) Car parking rates for new high-density developments:** A draft amendment to the North Sydney Development Control Plan seeks to reduce the amount of off-street parking for new high-density developments in areas with high public transport access (North Sydney, Milsons Point, Crows Nest and St Leonards). [Feedback](#) closes on Tuesday, 13 December. We will discuss this at our October meeting.

5. Development applications [disclosures?]

- (a) MLC Building, 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney (147/20):** Demolition of heritage-listed building and construction of 27-storey commercial building. Additional information submitted on 9 September as part of the Land and Environment Court appeal.

The additional information consisted of technical documents including a quantity surveyor's report with no change to the overall design. The meeting heard that we need to take care of local heritage items.

Motion: That the Lavender Bay Precinct Committee maintain its previous objections. Passed without objection.

- (b) 37 Bay View Street, Lavender Bay (418/21):** Construction of a dwelling house and associated works. Additional information added 9, 13 and 26 September.

Several attendees declared an interest as owners of neighbouring properties. The meeting heard that the proposed development would cause catastrophic view loss for

neighbouring properties, that the proposal involves building to the boundary, and would be out of character with the streetscape in an R3 zone.

Motion: That the Lavender Bay Precinct Committee maintain its previous objection, which included insufficient landscaping and being out of character with the local area. Passed without objection.

- (c) **5 Blue Street, North Sydney (210/22):** Mechanical exhaust equipment on roof of retail kiosks in forecourt area. Comments due Friday, 30 September.

The meeting heard that the kiosks are only one storey high and that the exhaust equipment would create unattractive visual clutter and should be positioned out of sight. The meeting noted the application.

- (d) **3/102 Alfred Street South, Milsons Point (277/21/2):** Modification of consent to allow internal reconfiguration and deletion of three windows at rear of Level 1. Comments due Friday, 30 September.

The meeting heard that the property was a two-level retail shop, with the upper level now being converted to residential. The meeting heard concerns about the impact on the building's common property.

Motion: That the Lavender Bay Precinct Committee support the Strata Committee's request for an additional six weeks to review the plans and arrange an Extraordinary General Meeting. Passed without objection.

6. Vacant position of Secretary

The meeting Chair noted that the position of Secretary is a valuable role that needs to be filled. Interested members are asked to contact the Chair, Acting Secretary or previous office-bearer for more information.

7. Community items

- (a) **Wendy's Secret Gardening:** Gardening mornings are planned for 1 October and 5 November. RSVP to [Ian C](#) by the prior Wednesday.
- (b) **Men's Mental Health event:** Burgers & Beers with the Band, Saturday, 8 October.
- (c) **Spring Cycle:** Starting in St Leonards Park, Sunday, 16 October.
- (d) **7 Bridges Walk:** Passes along Union, Lavender and Alfred Streets, Sunday, 23 October.

8. General business

- (a) **Sydney Running Festival:** The meeting heard that the [event](#) on Sunday, 18 September was well organised.
- (b) **Heritage trains visit Lavender Bay:** Heritage steam locomotive 3801 and vintage electric train set F1 (red rattler) [visited](#) Lavender Bay on Sunday, 25 September.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm. Next meeting: 7pm, Thursday, 27 October.