

## **Parks Precinct Committee Meeting Minutes 16 November 2022**

Meeting was held on Zoom

Meeting Opened at 7.05pm

### **1. Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance as per attendance sheet

Apologies: SM

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes (on NSC website) and matters arising:**

As the minutes from the October meeting had not yet been posted on the Council website there was no motion proposed to accept the minutes. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

GD provided a summary of the NSC responses to issues raised from recent Precinct meetings and these can be found at:

[https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council\\_Meetings/Community\\_Engagement/Precincts/Parks\\_Precinct](https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Community_Engagement/Precincts/Parks_Precinct)

### **3. Guest Speaker:** The meeting welcomed Mayor Zoe Baker who updated the meeting on the following council activities:

- Young Street (temporary) Plaza – It has been resolved by Council that the current trial of Young Street Plaza will be disbanded and entry to Military Road re-opened, in some form – most likely as a one way lane. NSC are negotiating with TfNSW on this matter. CT made the point that the closure on Young St reduced the number of entry and exit points into the precinct.
- Woolworths Development Rangers Road – NSC have opposed the Woolworths proposal for a 10 storey height apartment development incorporating 91 apartments, a revamped Woolworths store and speciality shops. Woolworths will now take their application to a planning panel on 9 Dec which virtually means the developer is able to promote and push through their development without any opposing views from the community. Council staff will be at the meeting but the community are not allowed to be present. If this project is supported by the planning panel it will go to public exhibition.
- Woolworths site on Grosvenor Street - is owned by Coles. Coles have been in conversation with Council and are planning to take over the Grosvenor St Woolworths site once the lease has expired in 2024. The Woolworths store will be turned into a Coles supermarket. NSC own the carpark behind this site and also the Community Centre. The carpark is under consideration to become greenspace.
- Cammeray Park – NSC are ongoingly engaging with contractors in the matters of tree destruction/re planting, and bike paths to endeavour to make the best of the destruction for the Western Harbour Tunnel project.

Corflutes promoting the opposition to the WHT have been produced by NSC and have been affixed in the area and particularly in St Leonard Park. Cr Bourke has separately advised that these corflutes are approved by council to be affixed to the walls of

residences who wish to promote their opposition to the WHT project and the devastation to our green belt however they are not encouraging residents to do this at the moment.

- Grosvenor Lane – The Road Safety Dept of Council will meet on 28 November, 2022 to review this project. To understand the options the Council are considering please refer to NSC website. The combination of roadway and pedestrian laneway was good in theory but in practise has not been successful due to the fact that cars are not keeping to the 10kph speed limit. It has become a dangerous walking zone for pedestrians. Council are reviewing the Grosvenor Lane project.
- North Sydney Olympic Pool – The pool is 85 years old. NSC resolved a budget to upgrade the pool in 2017 at a cost of \$28M. A tender was won in 2019/2020 by Icon (of Opal Towers fame) to upgrade the pool at a cost of \$64M. Mayor Zoe Baker (then a Councillor and Cr MaryAnn Beregi) both opposed the increased budget for the upgrade but were overruled. Due to time delays and material and trades shortage in part driven by Covid, the cost has risen substantially and the council is now considering options and making contingencies in the event it reaches \$90M. NSC is carrying out modelling on income levels to ascertain shortfalls. They are considering council asset sales and other options but rate rises to residents are not favoured. Price Waterhouse have been employed to produce a review of the upgrade works to date. NSC have decided they will manage all operations of the pool rather than tendering/contracting this work out enabling more opportunities for income generation to be for NSC benefit.
- Parraween Street, Mosman – 23 cottages on Parraween Street and 3 cottages on Gerard Street have been approached by a developer to sell so that they can build a dementia hospital. Residents are concerned about the continuing push for new development in the area and the diminishing of the heritage character. NSC have taken out an interim heritage conservation order on these properties and are awaiting a report on the heritage significance of these combined dwellings.

Cr Spenceley has put a motion to Council to rezone Parraween Street from R4 to R2 (low density)

Parraween Street Carpark

Council are considering building affordable housing on the carpark and adding underground car parking.

Upgrades are under consideration for Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place

**4. DAs under consideration** – no DAs were raised

## **5. General Business**

RF asked Mayor Baker if it would be possible to install speed cameras in Grosvenor Lane in an effort to have drivers drive to the 10kph speed limit. Mayor Baker will look into this.

SB asked Mayor Baker whether she could have the traffic engineers look into the possibility of a pedestrian crossing on Park Avenue for all the children playing soccer and tennis etc. Mayor Baker will look into this.

Meeting adjourned: 8:16 PM

Next Meeting: 7.00pm on Zoom  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023