#### NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

#### CREMORNE SHOPPING AREA STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE

# MINUTES OF 89<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 14 MARCH 2023 AT 5.30PM IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

**Present:** Councillor Baker in the chair. Councillor Santer

Ulrik Funch, Cremorne Chamber of Commerce Fiona Gracie, Cremorne Conservation Group Chris Holding, Cremorne Conservation Group Ciaran de Bhaldraithe, Brightmore Precinct

Peter Ellis, Brightmore Precinct

M. de Solom, Harrison Precinct (via zoom)

**Council:** Paul Yang, Engineering Project Manager

Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.30pm, with Councillor Baker in the Chair.

#### 2. Apologies

General Manager, Jon Higlett - Acting Director Engineering and Property Services, Chris Quinn - Exagym

#### 3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 88th Meeting held on 8 November 2022 were adopted.

Moved by Councillor Santer and seconded by Fiona Gracie.

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil.

# 5. Projects Update

## 5.1 Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place upgrade

Council's Project Manager advised that time is running out to 'Have your Say' for the Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place upgrade which closes on Monday, 3 April 2023. The local landscape architects who are Kirribilli based, Embarco Landscape Architects will be present, and you can speak directly to them as the design team. Council has had three pop up events of which they have spoken directly to people who use the space. The fourth design workshop will be held on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 from 4pm to 6pm where you have the chance to have input into that final preferred design.

Chris Holding and Fiona Gracie advised what they would like for Cremorne Plaza and Langley place as follows:

#### **Cremorne Plaza**

Option 2 mainly for Cremorne Plaza particularly (option b) trellace.

- the area be as low maintenance as possible so that if anything does go wrong Council doesn't have to come out and do a lot of work.
- More thought around water fountains because they can get clogged.
- The seating looks quite good, but the seating needs to be more comfortable.
- An event space would be good to be incorporated into the Council design the other end of Parraween Street in the car park site.
- An artist section that could be changed over so that artists could submit a proposal and have that space for a couple of months and then you can rotate.
- suggest the lighting aspect of Option 2.
- suggest the lighting on tops of poles more ambient light and more directed down towards the ground.

#### **Langley Place**

- Option 2 was preferred for Langley Place at the Parraween Street end but at the Military Road end.
- quiet like what they see in terms of the parting features rather than the stepping stones.
- A green trellace for community areas with green wall.
- Paving designs for option 1.

# 6. Parraween Street free 30-minute Parking Update

Chris from Exagym couldn't attend the meeting but emailed Council stating he would like to add that he continues to have people mention how handy it is to have 30 minutes free parking, and that it encouraged them to stop and shop. Based on our customers feedback I believe this is critical to supporting businesses in Cremorne especially with what we think is going to be a tough time ahead with the growing cost of living and interest rate rise pressure.

## 7. Streetscape Committee Update

Nil

#### 8. General Business

## **Telstra Telephone Box**

It was asked if the Telstra telephone box is necessary where it is at the moment?

Council's Project Manager advised that it is a statutory requirement to have the telephone box for public use.

#### **Sign Branding**

M. De Solom advised that part of a sign was missing near Hampden Avenue and Military Road that says, 'Welcome to Neutral Bay' and wanted to know what had happened to it.

The Mayor advised the question would be taken on notice and it would come back to the committee.

## Overgrowth around what was the Mental Health Centre

M. De Solom advised that the overgrowth around the ex-mental health centre needs attending to.

The Mayor stated that herself and the Mayor of Mosman met with the local area health senior managers as they had been trying to get them to address mental health especially adolescent in the joint local government areas. At the meeting they both raised the maintenance of the building and the landscaping. They undertook to do something about it but since then the person they have met with moved on, it seems nothing has happened as a result of that. We should undertake from a council perspective to write to the local area health service and follow that up.

# Redlands buses now parking on Murdoch Street

M. De Solom stated that Redlands buses are parking on Murdoch Street.

The Mayor advised that she has been attending all the schools private and public. SCECGS is on the Mayors next round of schools she will visit and that she will raise traffic and its impact and how they can work together.

The Mayor has asked that any information on this matter be forwarded to her and that it will be referred onto the relevant officer.

## Sign on the intersection of Waters Road/Belgrave and Gerard Street

It was advised that the sign at the intersection of Waters Road/Belgrave and Gerard Street was put up by the state government 5 years ago.

Council's Project Manager will have the sign removed.

9. Next meeting: Tuesday, 26 September

10. Close meeting: 6.02pm