

Lavender Bay Precinct Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, 25 May 2023

Starting at 7.00 pm

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

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1. Welcome / Apologies

12 people attended, 7 apologies received; Minutes of 27 April meeting of Precinct were accepted.

2. **A/Chair's report** addressed a number of matters of concern, including: the MLC Building; Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp; proposal for lighted advertising structures; replacement of overhead wiring structures in Lavender Bay across the site identified for a Sydney Harbour Skyline and a planning proposal for 52 Alfred Street Milson's Point.

3. State Government Items

- **MLC Building:** Following the Land & Environment Court decision on 3 May 2023 to refuse the application to demolish the MLC, Council has moved to have the building relisted on the State Heritage Register. The cost for Council's advocacy for the MLC Building in this financial year is approx. \$3 Million.
- **Harbour Bridge Cycle Ramp:** Transport NSW is keen to start construction in July but the debate continues. A report from the Heritage Council of NSW on the impact of the proposed linear design is still to come. Opposition from the adjoining precincts is before the Heritage Council, and a submission from Professor Weirick describing the ramp's impact on the heritage values of the Bridge as "significant." (**Update:** Transport for NSW has invited North Sydney residents to have their say on walking and bike riding in and around the area by Tuesday 11 July, at nswroads.work/cycling-walking-ns or in person at Northside Markets on 17 June & Kirribilli Markets on 24 June.
- **Lavender Bay Railway Siding:** Precinct noted the Lavender Bay siding will become redundant once the Metro Line commences operation. Precinct noted nearly twice as many stanchions as previously had been raised along the siding with none on the viaduct, though have not been connected to overhead wiring. All new stanchions are in an area identified for the High Line project, supported by Precinct. (**Update:** work will continue 19-30 June)

4. Council items

- **Blues Point Reserve:** turning circle at end of Blues Point Rd. Concern raised that the No Stopping signs in the turning circle stanchions are impacting on kayakers who launch their boats from the Reserve. Previously they could stop there temporarily to unload them. Suggested that a sign placing a maximum 15 mins restriction on unloading boats from vehicles in the turning circle could remedy this problem.
- **East Crescent Street pocket park:** Precinct noted the one-way street sign is not clearly visible, facilities such as water are uncovered, cars constantly mount the footpath when turning from Blues Pt Rd & the commitment for a 4 month trial period has been breached. **Precinct**, noted the derelict building opposite the park, 101 Blues Pt Rd/55 East Crescent St, with a broken front window and overgrown backyard, and **requested Council** to investigate and request a cleanup of the site. (**Update:** the closing date for feedback has been extended from 24 May to 30 June, go to: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/east-cres-st-shared-space-trial>).

