

Milson Precinct Meeting Minutes

8th February 2024

Chair: Jillian Christie
Venue: Church By The Bridge
Time: 7:30PM

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, the Cammeraygal People of the Eora Nation. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated December 2023 are adopted.

Moved: MS
Seconded: HH
Unanimous

Zoë Baker Presentation

- **SHB Cycleway** State Government has approved the project, the last advice from TfNSW is that it will go ahead in the first half of the year.
- **NSOP** coming to NSC this coming meeting, and details and documents the delays. The delay is until the end of December 2024, or early 2025. A recommendation is made that NSC has to borrow a further \$20m to address a series of matters under the construction contract that date back to March 2021 - present. The poor planning from the get-go, the scale of it, are responsible for the delay and cost. Never was a 28m project - 58m - 63m, did not abide by the capital expenditure guidelines set by the OLG. Terribly, insurance, project management, the works in the eastern stairwell, the fit out etc were not factored into the cost. Zoë will be asking the council to support a governance framework so this type of disastrous and misinformed decision making cannot happen again.
- **Housing** Third densest place in the state, our density is 6608 people per square km. Great mass transit system, metro planned (due to open in the next three months). Failure of State and Federal Gov's to not invest in social housing, failure in tax policy- the gap between housing approvals and housing commencements. As a community and a council, we understand that it makes good planning sense to locate new housing around public transport hubs (see Crows Nest). Under the 2036 plan, there are an additional 6638 dwellings surrounding the Crows Nest hub. We have the lowest proportion of open and green space per person in the whole of Northern Sydney- and any new open space is so hard for council to facilitate. Sydney Water are telling the Council, State Gov and Regional Planning Panel's that there is limited capacity for sewer and water in the St Leonards Growth Area. R2 Low density zoning: mandate that dual occupancies (detached and attached) permitted. The building heights suggested are inconsistent with the SEPP- 9.5m v 8.5m. On exhibition until the 23rd of February. R3 Medium density going: 3-6 storeys, shop top housing, and mid-rise within 400m of a transport hub and 800m of a town hub (definition of town hub unclear). Heritage isn't discussed- perhaps overridden. Ad hoc ability to put up to 21m in many locations. Proper studies have not been done- roads, schools, etc. override local controls re-landscaping, doesn't include deep soil planting.
- **Trees** LCC asked NSC to join them in advocating for higher penalties for tree vandalism, Zoe has put it to the council. We as a community understand the loss of trees (especially for State Government projects). Recently, there was a terrible tree vandalism in Kirribilli recently, and the Council will prosecute. Council encourages everyone to be vigilant, as trees are so valuable.

Meeting Closed 9PM

Next Meeting 4th April 2024