

ANZAC PARK PRECINCT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 6.30pm ON WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025

ATTENDEES: 17

APOLOGIES: SR,CB, PB, JD, DD, GT, LA,

MdS welcomed Cr. Nicole Antonini to address our Meeting.

LYTTON STREET FLOODING:

Cr Antonini assured residents of Lytton Street who were attending the meeting that their concerns had not been forgotten by NSC. Council management & staff were trying to mitigate the problems. The copious Bark chips from the Childrens Playground in St Leonards Park flooding the local area drains had been investigated, and drainage had been improved by Council. Council say that the negative aspect of rubberised surfaces rules out the removal of the bark chips in favour of rubber.

However it was looking like a viable satisfactory resolution is not really feasible at this stage.

Resident SO'C said that although insurance had carried out a great deal of work to repair her house over the past 11 months, the personal cost to her had been enormous. It had been uninhabitable for nearly a year. Resident PYH told the meeting that their house was still uninhabitable for them and their 2 y.o. and 4 y.o. children, one of whom has undergone serious surgery.

JO came up with a potential way out, he suggested that it may be possible for Council to be asked by affected residents to lift the Heritage Listing for the affected houses; this could allow interest from a developer and the affected families could exit the prevailing nightmare. This may not be viable if the Listing was by State Govt.

JO also commented that there is also Heritage funding in some cases for Heritage listed properties to do Maintenance and restoration/repair work.

Action: Cr Antonini agreed to follow this proposal up with NSC. Residents should write and formally ask Council to rezone their homes.

Cr Antonini also mentioned that the Nov 2024 Grant monies had been released. Grants might be available for repair work in Lytton Street.

SO'C complained that maintenance of drains was very poor to non-existent – this is a key issue that contributes to the extremely high level of water flowing

from St Leonards Park, Falcon Street and Bardsley Gardens causing disastrous flooding of the homes into Lytton Street.

VN stated that Lytton St is at the convergence of 2 creek beds. In unusually heavy torrential rain, they incur severe flooding arising from the leaves in Falcon St blocking drains, streets, the lack of regular street cleaning & timely gutter cleaning was a key factor in the damage to local homes from the flooding. VN said that locals had very significant video evidence of what happens when it rains.

JO, VN & SO'C all stressed that Falcon St was a critical danger area for the very high build up of leaves blocking the drains.

Action: Cr Antonini agreed to request NSC for more frequent clearing of drains and manual NOT vehicle street sweeping; as the latter does not work to clear the build up of leaves & debris.

Cr Antonini was unaware of the Bund in St Leonards Park that had been put forward as a partial [i.e.20% reduction only] solution for the flooding. At our February 2025 meeting we had asked Council to provide an update on the timeline for the Bund. We understand a grant has been secured by Council to conduct a Feasibility Study and Design. JO pointed out that this had been talked about for over a year but still nothing was happening. He asked Cr Antonini to follow up with Council about the Feasibility Study.

Action: Cr Antonini agreed to follow up with NSC with regard to an update on the progress with the Bund in St Leonards Park.

E-BIKES ON PAVEMENTS:

Cr Antonini was not aware that there were more bikes on the pavements in our areas. And she said that the State Govt controls the rules regarding their use.

WEST STREET TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & CYCLEWAY EXTENSION:

JB, who lives in West Street, said that the traffic in West Street was 'like a car park'. It can take her 10 mins to move out of her street some days. She asked Cr Antonini if any traffic management study had taken place by Council. Many more buses were using West Street – including ones Not In Service. One evening 5 buses were lined up in West Street at 5pm. She pointed out that there is no official bus route along that part of West Street.

Discussion was as follows:

- Post Covid the increase has been obvious.
- West Street is a secondary road controlled by Council unlike Ernest & Falcon Streets

- Too much traffic is being channeled onto West Street.
- The Bike Path along West Street exacerbates the problem for locals - the link up with bike lanes nearby will take years, meanwhile locals lose a lane in traffic buildups.
- JB queried the impact of the extension of the Cycleway. Cr Antonini said that cycleways were here to stay.
- West Street has priority for school kids en route to/from APPS, Cammeraygal etc.
- How buses were taking short cuts.
- As they are now privatised, the state government was unable to ban them on certain streets as they had been able to when they were STA buses.
- Buses are fined if they are running late under the Contracts [but not if they cancel a bus]
- Need to rethink traffic flows.

Action: Cr Antonini agreed to follow up with NSC

TREE REPLACEMENT STRATEGY:

Cr Antonini told the meeting that NSC was pushing TfNSW hard for a timeline on replacement trees; however, she said that TfNSW were a very difficult department to deal with. She spoke of the difficulty of finding sites for planting. SW pointed out that there was plenty of space in Anzac Park, and that MW had long ago prepared a submission from Precinct identifying many possible locations for trees – both along the Freeway corridor and slightly distanced.

Cr Antonini said that there were regular meetings between Council and TfNSW. However SW reported that the meeting at the end of March and on 30 April had both been cancelled. This week's meeting was postponed as Edge Impact (consultants employed by TfNSW) needed to carry out additional data analysis and modelling; the next meeting should be on 28 May 2025.

Action: Precinct again reiterated that Community wanted a Community Rep at the Table & that the Combined Precincts Committee [CPC] had also put this forward and that we want Council to support and advocate for this to happen.

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ERNEST STREET @ LYTTON STREET:

NC explained the danger of children from APP School crossing here. Some cars slow down to allow children & parents to cross, but with two lanes of traffic in each direction this is really so very dangerous.

Precinct asks Council to work to create a safer Pedestrian Crossing at Ernest / Lytton Streets for the many schoolchildren who use that crossing daily.

Action:

1. NC will forward her correspondence regarding this matter to Cr Antonini so that she can follow up with Council.
2. Precinct asks Council to please urgently work with TfNSW & APPS School P&C Committee to create a safer Pedestrian Crossing at Ernest /Lytton Streets in particular for the many schoolchildren who use that crossing daily.
3. Cr Antonini to follow up with Council the need to create a safer crossing there

Cr Antonini: So much of our Open Space is occupied by Sydney Water & TfNSW

CAMMERAYGAL PLAZA CLEAN UP:

Cr Antonini told the meeting that Council was developing a Master Plan to address & revive-areas of Cammeray Village. One suggestion was to pressure wash Cammeraygal Plaza and perhaps put up some fairy lights; plus thorough cleaning, repainting the benches and redecoration of street furniture.

Action: Precinct asks NSC to please Itemise the Cammeray Master Plan as a distinct & separate Plan in the wider NSC Master Plan.

Cammeray has been at Ground zero for the two SSI projects for so long, & requires clarity so that Council's purpose for our area is identifiable & visible.

THE POOL - THE GELATO BAR & GYM FITOUT @ Council expense.

JO asked Cr Antonini about why the fitout of the Gym and Gelato bar planned for North Sydney Pool was at Council expense. Cr Antonini advised that their advice was that the market response to Council's tender was negative if the lessee had to fund the fitout. To change the use of these areas would require a new DA amendment which would hold up the Pool Project.

Cr Antonini commented that these items were added at the insistence of previous Councillors, and to change plans now would only add to already burgeoning costs.

MdeS thanked Cr Antonini for her attendance & informative and useful contribution to our Meeting.

MW suggested that Precinct should hold another meeting at the end of May, since many items on today's Agenda were not discussed. This was agreed.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm