

# MINUTES - Wednesday 10 March 2021 6:30pm ROS CRICHTON PAVILLION

## **Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome**

The Chair acknowledged the traditional ownership of the land by the Cammeraygal people and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**Present:** MC (chair), JC, JC, CT, BH, DE

**Apologies:** GM, DH, GD

## 1 Minutes of meeting of 10 February 2021

Minutes were circulated to Edward precinct email members on 13 February and NSC on the 16th. See https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/edwardprecinct

The meeting approved the meeting minutes unanimously.

## 2 Development Applications

- DA 51/21 40 Mount Street. Infill of slab void to separate floors. Closes 17 March Noted
- DA 377/17/3 32 Lord Street. Modification of consent raised garage roof, new dwelling roof, internal reconfigurations, bi-fold doors, landscape works to road reserve, aluminium boundary fence.

Precinct opposes the increase in garage height, proposed landscape works to road reserve which is NSC land managed under the Adopt a Plot program. Concerns were expressed relating to the proposed aluminium fence though if done properly it should be OK} Asbestos handling is not good.

Local residents express the fear that the fine lemon scented gum in the reserve will be damaged, and consequently recommends to Council that the bond relating to tree damage is increased from \$10,000 to \$100,000 and that Council monitors the tree during the development works.

DA 19/21 110-122 Walker Street. Demolition of existing structures, basement excavation & construction of a 55 storey commercial tower, roof terraces and basement parking including retail premises and signage zones - to be determined by Sydney North Planning Panel. Submission by Edward Precinct lodged on 24 February. DA closed for submissions 26 February.

Edward's submission is locked, though all that precinct requested was for lodging party's name to be withheld. Other precinct submissions seen are public.

There are now 41 submissions, all reviewed submissions are objecting.

MC noted that Council will consider submissions made after the end of the advertising period but where that is the case the submitter is not entitled to a third-party appeal.

**Motion**: NSC allows the locking of personal information for precinct objections but publishes the content of the objection. Passed unanimously.

#### 3 General Business

## 3.1 Precinct System review - progress update

PlanCom inputs have been completed. Their outputs are now being reviewed by NSC.

MC reported that some precincts see value in mergers, but don't support the multi breakup approach of option 2. As mentioned in the Edward Precinct minutes of 10 February, a merger with Union precinct would be acceptable. NSC proposals will be submitted to precincts for review prior to approval.

#### 3.2 Review of Beaches Link EIS closed 1 March

Edward precinct's submission was lodged on 28 February. A draft was circulated to all email members on 13 February.

## 3.3 Olympic Pool closed 28 February until early 2023

An online Information Session on North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment will be held on 16 March 2021 at 6pm. Those interested must pre-register.

The session will provide an overview of the NSOP redevelopment. Click here to read FAQS regarding questions raised previously by the community; alternatively pre-submit questions upon registration.

## 3.4 Combined Precinct Committee meeting 23 February 2021

#### 3.4.1 CPC - Role and Function Review.

The proposal by NSC to effectively take over CPC was rejected.

### 3.4.2 Distribution of Precincts E-News -

Union, Wollstonecraft, Waverton and Registry Precinct Committees requested to receive the pdf version of the Precinct E-news on a monthly basis. Edward Precinct management group will prepare the pdf version.

JC proposed sending to all precincts, with a suggestion that the document could be circulated to the officer bearers, or to all precinct email members.

#### 3.4.3 NSW Local Character and Place Guideline

This relates to proposed "mis-development" in areas of North Sydney. JC will obtain and circulate to email members the guideline that covers Edward Precinct.

#### 3.4.4 Next CPC meeting 20 April

A number of items deriving from discussion at the current meeting will be submitted to CPC prior to the closing date for submissions (March 26).

## 3.5 How to increase the interest of residents in our Precinct meetings

The last two flyers have included requests to non-email members to register. There was no response to these requests. Meeting agreed to continue the requests for the time being.

It was also suggested that if there is space on the flyer, relevant stories about the precinct could be included. BH agreed to prepare a story for the April meeting flyer, (which should be less than half an A5 page in size).

Consideration will be given to running precinct street and Christmas parties to promote local social interaction and thus generate more interest in participating in Precinct meetings and

affairs. Short and Oak streets and Don Bank museum were suggested as options. JC also noted that the headmaster of Shore School offered to allow us to use his patio at 13 Lord St.

Hopefully meeting attendance will improve after the end of Covid, perhaps to pre-Covid levels of about 12 per meeting.

## 3.6 Speakers for May and subsequent meetings

NSC Manager Strategic Planning has confirmed availability for the Precinct Meeting on 14 April.

Carolyn New will address bicycle issues and development in North Sydney on 12 May including bike tracks, pop-up cycleways, shared pavements and speed limits, Harbour Bridge runoff and other aspects.

MC to contact Elizabeth Farrelly, Author for a meeting post-Covid.

Ian Mutton could be invited to present on North Sydney Olympic Pool and the proposed Highline.

It is noted that our Covid attendances too low to justify some speakers, and Edward should thus maybe wait until numbers recover or precinct mergers occur.

## 3.7 Likely date of lifting of Covid restrictions

Construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays under new rules introduced by the NSW Government to support the industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is considered that these rules are no longer needed, as the construction industry appears to be booming. High noise level weekend construction can be problematic for nearby dwellings.

**Motion**: Edward Precinct requests that NSC asks the State Government when special COVID provisions with regard to permissions for building work on weekends will be lifted. Passed unanimously.

## 3.8 Naming of precinct and its management group

In our February meeting, we recommended use of the terms Edward Precinct (for all of our residents and other members), and Edward Precinct Office Holders. The meeting decided to continue with these terms for the time being but not to make a recommendation to Council or CPC.

#### 3.9 Other matters

## 3.9.1 Tony Brazdil

BH will assess options for honouring Tony, such as a plaque.

## 3.9.2 Military Road/Future Directions Report

The report was issued in early 2020 and recommends increasing the size of buildings along Military Rd. Harrison Precinct has been in extensive consultation with NSC, about the objection it submitted to the high rise development.

Contact the Precinct Committee

**Motion**: Edward Precinct supports Harrisons Precinct's submissions opposing aspects of the Future Directions Report and in particular believes that the proposal does not reflect the NSW Local Character and Place Guideline. Unanimous.4

## 3.9.3 Lit signs on high rise buildings in North Sydney

Vodafone/TPG is appealing NSC's decision to ban its west-facing sign on the basis that NSC rules have changed and such signage is now permitted. There is no longer a need to take account of negative impacts on local residents.

**Edward Precinct requests Council** to clarify whether or not the rules relating to signage have changed and if so, provide the reason, and information on how future control is planned.

Next NSC meeting Thursday 22 March 7:30 PM

The Precinct monthly meeting is your opportunity to provide community advice to Council on matters affecting your local area. For more information or suggestions for agenda items, contact the Edward precinct committee at <edwardprecinct@iinet.net.au>.

Next Edward Precinct meeting: 6:30 Wednesday 14 April 2021