

Harrison Precinct

Minutes August 2020

Due to COVID-19 our scheduled monthly meeting was held by way of a “Vote out of Committee” (VOC). Voting was open 2 - 9 August 2020.

Participants	There were 14 participants who responded within the VOC timeline.
Precinct System Review	<p>Precinct members were asked the following questions regarding options for redistribution of Harrison Precinct’s area boundaries in an on-line survey.</p> <p>Q1: Do you support a proposal to merge?</p> <p>Yes: 8 No: 5 Total votes: 13</p> <p>If we are to merge, which merger proposal option is preferred?</p> <p>Option 1: Amalgamate with Bennett Precinct 10 votes</p> <p>Option 2A: Change to a suburb-based (Cremorne) boundary by amalgamating Willoughby Bay, most parts of Bennett, Brightmore, Harrison and Parks Precinct areas. 0 Votes</p> <p>Option 2B: Change to a suburb-based boundary but with a further divide at Military Road (South Cremorne) by amalgamating most of Harrison and Bennett with some of Brightmore Precinct areas. 3 Votes</p> <p>Comments received from respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The nearest possible reflecting an area similar in traffic issues, public transport availability and other needs to Harrison Precinct. However, that doesn't meet its unique needs [respondent <u>not</u> in favour of merge, Option 1 preferred if are to merge]</i>• <i>Whatever the change, residences south of Parraween Road should be co-located with Brightmore [respondent did not identify if merge was supported, Option 2B preferred if are to merge]</i>• <i>We reside in Parraween St which lies north of Military Rd. Our apartment block is currently in Harrison Precinct. However, the road outside (in front of) our block is in Willoughby Precinct. I suggest that the North South divide be along Military Rd. i.e. north of Military Rd, and south of Military (much like the State and Federal Governments' electorate boundaries) [respondent in favour of merge, Option 2B preferred if are to merge]</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Whatever the change, residences south of Parraween Road should be located within Brightmore [respondent <u>not</u> in favour of merge, Option 1 preferred if are to merge]</i> • <i>We have had quite a bit of liaison with Bennet and it makes sense to agree to a merger. A larger merger would I think become unwieldy. needs [respondent in favour of merge, Option 1 preferred]</i> • <i>Small = more locally representative. There's little point in making precincts bigger - they will become swamped in petty issues and provide little beneficial feedback to Council. [respondent in favour of merge, Option 1 preferred]</i> • <i>Harrison Precinct is large enough [respondent <u>not</u> in favour of merge, no preferred option chosen]</i> <p>Q2: Do you support a change of name from the current “Precinct Committee”? Yes: 1 No: 8 Unsure: 5 Total: 14 votes</p> <p>Comments received from respondents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why change, what does it achieve? • Precinct Community [suggested as alternate name] <p>Q3: Precinct members were also asked to comment on the proposed Amended Code of Conduct - Precinct Office Bearers. This includes procedural changes regarding the way that Precincts can interact with Councilors and Council staff. One significant change proposed is: <i>“The Mayor and General Manager are the official spokespersons for the Council. As such, they (or their delegate) should be approached first for presentations to Precinct Committees on Council issues. Such requests are to be coordinated through Council’s Community Engagement Coordinator”</i></p> <p>Do you support this proposal? Yes: 1 No: 12 Unsure: 1 Total: 14 votes</p>
Previous Meeting	6 February 2020 - Minutes yet to be confirmed. 5 March 2020 meeting was not held due to unavailability of Office Bearers
Next Meeting	The next scheduled meeting of Harrison Precinct is Thursday, 3 September 2020.