

Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 24th June 2021

Meeting was held via Zoom from the Ros Crichton Pavilion

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm.

- 1.) Attendees** 10 attendees via zoom, and 1 attendee in the Ros Crichton Pavilion as per the attendance sheet

Apologies: 1 (As per attendance sheet).

- 2.) Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising:** Moved by SM/GD that the minutes from last meeting be approved and accepted. Motion was carried unanimously.

a. Summary of Actions (SOA).

The Council responses were tabled and discussed.

- i. From the detailed response provided by the Council regarding Traffic Management Plans for Lower North Shore it was noted that only the Ernest St and Young St walking and cycling upgrades are directly with Parks Precinct.
- ii. The questions regarding the Young St Plaza have been referred to the report to be issued and available on the Council Website from 5pm on the 24 June. (Report 8.17 at: https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings/Council_Reports_28_Jun_2021)
- iii. It was considered that the question regarding the future of Grosvenor Lane was not addressed and the previously raised Item 5.5 regarding the “No Thoroughfare” designation and signage. While the Council has noted this item as closed there has been no timeline provided on the Actions and Recommendation taken by the Traffic Committee.

3.) Presentation and Discussion with Council’s Executive Planning Advisor.

Unfortunately, the Zoom link didn’t allow for the Guest Speaker to access the meeting and the presentation did not take place. (Note from the Chair: Subsequent investigation revealed that the Chair had not forwarded the dial in detail. The Chair will apologise and will seek a written response)

4.) Western Harbour Tunnel Update.

- A. SM provided an overview of the recent productive meeting held between representatives from the DPIE and members of the Combined Precincts Committee. Insights from recent major projects were shared during the meeting and the Key Points noted:
- In order to facilitate communication a Local Organising Committee is required
 - Local Disruption from Construction activities should be anticipated and planning in advance should be expected. While there is mechanism to make Live Complaints, by then it is too late.
 - The DPIE has an experienced that will conduct random compliance checks and investigate complaints. They do rely on residents reporting through the hotline (1800 931 180).
 - They acknowledged that parking will be an issue. Strategies such a shuttle buses and encouraging public transport do not work
 - Damage to the local road network from construction activities will happen. Council will need to repair this. Should the Council be seeking funding from Transport for NSW in anticipation?

- The tunnel entry points from Berry St will have an unacceptable impact on North Sydney and there is still no solution provided for this.
- It will be important for the project to provide a legacy the local residents and at this stage nothing has been planned or nominated.

A motion was put to the meeting that the Precinct write to the DPIE, confirming all of the above issues. Moved by PH and seconded by BH. The motion was carried unanimously.

B. Protocols to be encountered during construction were also discussed, with particular reference to:

- Truck Management and ensuring they follow the designated routes and are prevented from “occupying street space “in advance of daily work commencement.
- It was noted that State Government may “take over” local streets if access is required for construction.
- SM noted that there has been some long-term parking of “green trailers” in the area. CT has provided anecdotally that apparently some long-term parking is occurring on local streets where Uber Drivers are collecting travellers to the airport who are taking advantage of the free parking and secure environment.
- Further discussion was held around what Council could do to support residents maintaining access to parking during the construction phase.

A motion was moved that Council consider a solution for residents, their visitors, their health care providers and other service providers that will maintain access to parking during the Construction Phase of Tunnel Projects. Moved by PH and seconded by BH. The motion was carried unanimously.

- In response to the Precinct Committee’s question in the May Meeting regarding Traffic Management for the Lower North Shore, the Council has provided a presentation on the “Council’s Role in Traffic Management” which will be shared with the Committee by SM.
- SM advised that Transport for NSW will be invited to address the next Committee meeting.

A motion was moved to express concern to Council regarding limited access to the Traffic Management team for the Precinct Committee. Moved by CT and seconded by BB.

- The issue of potential noise during construction was also raised and Precinct Committee members were directed to the use of the 1800 931 180 number.
- MK suggested a minor investment in a Noise Level Monitor (dB monitor) and provided a demonstration. The ability to provide a quantitative measure of noise levels will provide greater weight and support to any complaint.
- It was also suggested that Community Complaints and their management form part of the project KPI’s and SM agreed this should form part of the follow-up letter to the DPIE.
- As well as noise, the ongoing monitoring of air quality was discussed, and the Precinct Committee would like to be advised of the status of the Air Quality Monitoring Station in Berry St and whether this data is reported on-line. Additionally, has there been any monitoring of air quality in North Sydney and Berry St in light of the traffic changes in Berry for the Tunnel entrances?
- What solution has been proposed to manage pollution of the lake in Cammeray Golf Course and how will polluted water from the freeway be kept away from the creek?

C. A submission was made to the Legislative Council’s Inquiry into the impact of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. This will be shared with the Precinct Committee.

5.) North Sydney Council Budget and Operational Plan

This was discussed, noting that Capital Works of \$72M has been forecast with \$48M allocated to the North Sydney Pool upgrade.

6.) Development Applications

These were shared prior to the meeting with no further update/comment from the floor.

7.) General Business

BB raised the issue of the Bradfield Park Cycleway and whether the Precinct Committee wished to make a submission.

A motion was moved that the Parks Precinct does not support the removal of Open Space in Bradfield Park. Moved by BB and seconded by SMA. SM will make the submission on behalf of Parks Precinct Committee.

GD provided feedback on the recent CPC Meeting.

The status on the Precincts System Review at this stage is that those Precincts that wish to merge will do so.

MK noted the letter drop regarding the renaming of Ben Boyd Road and the high level of interest. Any input would be from individuals rather than from the Precinct Committee.

MK note that the recent requests for attendance at the Precinct Committee appeared to have been thwarted by IT issues and questioned whether the Council had a means to circumvent this.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 22 July 2021 7:30 PM. (Anticipated to be at Ros Crichton Pavilion and via Zoom) (Note now July 21 7:30pm by Zoom only)