



Parks Precinct Committee

Meeting Minutes 16 March 2022

Meeting was held via Zoom

Meeting Opened: 7.36pm.

1.) Attendees:

14 Attendees and one guest via zoom and 2 apologies (As per attendance sheet).

2.) Confirmation of Minutes and Matters Arising:

Minutes of the previous meeting could not be confirmed as the review of the minutes by the Councillors who attended the meeting has not yet been completed. This review and response are imminent.

3.) Save Cammeray Project

GD provided an update of recent activities, including the discussions and update from the Save Our Park Association (SOPA) held on the evening of Tuesday 15th March.

- TfNSW has taken control of the Temporary Construction Site.
- It is expected that TfNSW will take control of the balance of the park in the very near future. Although it appears that appropriate protocols have not been followed regarding notifications and signage, it was considered fruitless to attempt to block this action as TfNSW have the Crown Land Act to support their actions.
- SOPA will follow-up with Council to determine the outcome of advice on the Councils Legal position with respect to the Golf Course Lease and the direct negotiations between the Golf Club and TfNSW.
- SOPA intends to request a meeting with the newly elected local member for Willoughby to canvas his support to protect the park following his commitment to “listen to the community” during the bi-election campaign.
- SOPA will also evaluate the details of approval condition E 157, especially in respect of the definitions of usable space. It is a widely held view that construction should not be commenced until the plan for compliance with that condition is affirmed.

The disappointment at the destruction of the Avenue of the Gums earlier in the day was shared and a discussion about how the wider community, which the Precinct Committee believes has an affinity with Cammeray Park, can be made aware of the impact of the current construction activities. CT enquired whether SOPA would accept donations for the purpose of erecting banners on the Ernest St freeway overpass, or whether some form of petition activity on Ernest St could be arranged.

During this update, DT suggested there should be a two-pronged attack:

- Legal, and;
- Political.

Motion: A motion was moved by CT that Parks Precinct request Council position banners/ undertake an advertising campaign to highlight the damage to Cammeray Park. The motion was seconded by SM and was carried unanimously.

4.) New Council

Parks Precinct Committee acknowledged the attendance at this meeting of Cr William Bourke (Sustainable Australia Party), another of our newly elected representatives.

Cr Bourke addressed the committee meeting and made the following points:

- He was a resident of the district for at least 20 years
- He works in the field of Marketing and Sponsorship
- He is passionate about the protection of bushland and local control of local development issues.
- When questioned about his top priorities he advised these were
 - The environment
 - Stopping Overdevelopment
 - Ending Corruption
- Cr Bourke advised that is opposed to the tunnel project and is attempting to put pressure on the new member for Willoughby to join the opposition.
- He supports the development of the Neutral Bay Village feel and would like to see more trees and outdoor spaces.
- Cr Bourke advised that the best method to contact him was his Council Email address.
(cr.William.Bourke@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

5.) Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link

SM provided an update on recent correspondence with TfNSW regarding the project and traffic implications were again discussed.

Motion: A motion was moved by CT that council conduct a baseline study of local traffic and seek a post construction traffic management plan from TfNSW.

The motion was seconded by MS and was carried unanimously.

6.) Development Matters

The objection to DA (432/21) for the Demolition of existing residential flat building and construction of new residential flat building, comprising of 11 apartments, landscaping and 2 levels of basement car parking and associated works at 2 Sutherland Street Cremorne was confirmed as having been submitted.

No additional DA's were discussed.

7.) General Business

The Parks Precinct AGM has been postponed by COVID and is now due. It is a council requirement that this meeting shall be a physical gathering. There was an enquiry as to whether refreshments (Tea/Coffee) could be provided? The venue will be the Neutral Bay Community Centre.

Motion: MB move that the AGM be held on 18 May 2022 at the Neutral Bay Community Centre. The motion was seconded by MS and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:33 pm.

Next Meeting April 20, 2022