

Minutes of the Waverton Precinct Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2022



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The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm at the Uniting Church Hall.

Chair: IG

Minutes: SF (with apologies for any unintended bias due to being temporarily one-eyed)

Attendance: 16

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed people to the meeting under current COVID protocols.

2 Apologies

JD, KA

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the May meeting had been circulated electronically.

MOVED AG, seconded IB:

THAT the minutes be accepted.

CARRIED unanimously.

4 Responses from NSC on issues raised previously have not been received.

5 Community consultation committee set up by Felicity Wilson

It was noted by members of this committee that it had not met for months and the feeling was expressed that the committee and member inputs were being ignored by the consultants preparing the draft masterplan who were responsible for public engagement. The view was expressed that the community would have had little or no input to the draft masterplan which would then be foisted on the community with little opportunity for subsequent change.

6 Waverton Peninsula Working Group

The group met in May with the Mayor as the new Chair. It was agreed to press the Transport Minister to transfer land and maritime titles across as soon as possible, noting the WHT project has consistently said the contractor who wins the contract will need to say which land and facilities they will want for the project before any transfer of unrequired land occurs. The contractor is expected to be appointed in the second half of this year.

It was reported that the next meeting of this group is to be held on the Quarantine Station site.

7 Transfer of Lands

Concern was expressed that TfNSW is not appearing to honour the political commitments made to transfer agreed lands to the care and control of Council, and instead is now talking of TfNSW holding the land titles and possibly leasing the land to Council.

MOVED BD, seconded KA:

THAT Precinct calls for Council to press the Minister for Planning to direct TfNSW

to transfer agreed Berrys Bay lands to the care and control of Council.

CARRIED unanimously

8 Bowling Club Site

It was reported that the land claim over the site has not been resolved but the matter is listed for hearing in July and so will be decided in the coming months.

There was discussion that if the site comes under Council care and control, that a future use study should be conducted prior to any decision to demolish the existing facilities. It was noted that the site represents one of few opportunities to develop facilities for community activities including (but not limited to) games, dog walking and training, picnic areas with toilets, community meetings, walled courts, Council sponsored events such as art classes or shows, mini-playing fields etc.

9 Waverton Park Walkaround

The Chair reported on a site meeting with the acting GM. Council will consider an eastern footpath from Woolcott St to Larkin Street.

Possible bike track links were also discussed. However, it was stated that Council see the Coal Loader as a preferred place for bike learning rather than a new circuit.

10 Floating Dry Dock

Submissions have been completed and the matter is now awaiting a decision by the Land and Environment Court.

The huge input of time, energy and knowledge by BD was acknowledged by acclamation.

MOTION-

That Precinct donate \$3000 from Precinct funds to the associated costs of expert witness reports and specifically to the Navigation Reports by expert witness Jeremy Colville.

Moved BD, seconded KS.

Carried unanimously.

DAs

18 Larkin Street

It was observed that the current DA design is 3 ½ to 4 stories, with a conical feature not typical of the area. It exceeds the Council's height limits and the proposed bulk of the building would significantly block neighbours views on one side and sunlight on the other side .

27 Tunks Street

It was agreed that the Chair would lodge comments on behalf of Precinct noting that the current design is too high at the boundary and will cause overshadowing and loss of sunlight. Compliance with height plane and other DCP breeches should be resolved prior to acceptance.

6 Other business

Streets Alive and Bushcare

These groups continue to meet regularly and keep our suburb beautiful.

7 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held 5th July 2022, with venue/mode to be advised.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.