

Waverton Precinct Minutes

Tuesday 3 March 2020



WAVERTON

2060

Meeting opened: 7.30pm
Chair: IG
Minutes: SF
Attendance: 21

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed residents and visitors.
There were apologies from JD, KA and SA

2. Minutes of the meeting of 2 October 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were outlined by the Chair. In relation to the Western Harbour Tunnel, the Chair noted that following representations by the Combined Precincts, the Mayor had sought and obtained an extension to the closing date for submissions to March 30. This support from Council was much appreciated.

Moved VY
Seconded IB
"The February 2020 Minutes be accepted"
Carried

3. Existing General Business

Floating Dry Dock: The Chair introduced the Community Liaison Officer for Noakes, PW. He addressed the meeting to explain the changes in the amended DA which has now been lodged. The key changes include:

- Limitation of the work being done in the FDD which will be no higher than the walls of the FDD when it is in position. This is 7.7m above waterline.
- Noise mitigation and air extraction measures have been extended by providing horizontal curtains for use across the top (in addition to the previously proposed vertical curtains inside the side walls and across the ends) which would provide closure against any protrusions above that level. Work in the space below would thus be effectively fully encapsulated for noise, and air extracted to an onshore scrubber. It was claimed that these measures would reduce noise by 80%.
- Changes to the positioning of the FDD and to removal of existing finger wharves, so the FDD when loaded will sit right next to the hardstand.

Questions from the floor included:

Q: How would these curtains enclose a minehunter that will be much taller than the level of the curtains?

A: Most of the maintenance work done at Noakes relates to the hull rather than superstructure. It was unclear where/how superstructure work would be carried out, other than it likely would be done with the vessel alongside the wharf or hardstand.

Q: Has the curtain system been tested, noting that a recent tent deployment allowed escape of VOCs?

A: That escape was the result of a wind change. The enclosure was subsequently changed to close off the end where the escape happened.

Q: In the event of a Southerly Buster, would the curtains remain intact?

A: Not known, but the liaison officer offered to arrange a meeting with the head of Noakes to discuss such questions.

Q: Would the FDD be expected to stay on station full time?

A: Yes

Q: What working hours would apply to the FDD?

A: Normal hours for Noakes. Some problematic work, for example sandblasting, would have more limited hours.

Q: Do objections need to be lodged again?

A: Previous objections stand, but may be superseded by changes in the amended DA, so making an updated submission would be wise.

The liaison officer also explained the status of the ongoing negotiations with NSC regarding construction of a public wharf, originally committed to in the 1990s. A committee has been set up by NSC to set the parameters, and Noakes has undertaken to construct the wharf when the scope is agreed. Noakes are 'keen to proceed'. The Chair is to enquire with NSC regarding status of progress.

Members of Precinct were invited to an open day on Wednesday at 4pm to visit the site and take part in activities relating to the vessel Radar which has been restored over the last few years and will feature in the Biennale celebrations.

Olympic Pool: No known change, apart from mention of the Australian Government \$10m grant apparently being part of a Regional Funding Program. The proposal retains removal of hundreds of seats which will affect school carnivals and the like at the venue.

Western Harbour Tunnel: The EIS is open for public comment, and Waverton residents are encouraged to look online at <https://v2.communityanalytics.com.au/rms/wht> in the first instance and then to prepare objections. It was noted the Precincts also expect to have an Info Pack ready for residents by next weekend. Closing date for objections has been revised to March 30.

The Chair summarised the public meeting which was held at Hutley Hall last week, with 5 guest speakers and around 250 attendees; and MP reiterated her analysis on the negative impacts of the proposals for traffic and pedestrians in North Sydney CBD.

Major areas of concern include:

- Traffic: Many intersections in the area will fall to 'F' or Fail performance level in peak hours. This includes the main route out of Waverton and on to the Bridge.
- 300 B-Line buses per day will be routed through the North Sydney CBD to link

up with the 2 railway stations.

- Pedestrians have been treated poorly, with no additional Warringah Freeway crossings and more channelled intersections which are focused only on vehicular traffic.
- Vibration through the suburb due to road headers and rock breakers working underground and in cuttings to create the tunnels
- Loss of green space generally in the LGA, with specific local concerns about Berrys Bay
- Air pollution and especially the lack of filtration on the Ventilation stacks at Cammeray and Artarmon.

Impacts in Waverton will include over 200 trades vehicles seeking parking each day, 50 concrete trucks running 24/7 into the tunnel access at Berrys Bay, and vibration from the tunnelling which will affect a large swathe of Waverton. A working group is preparing a list of issues for objections and these will be circulated.

South St Leonards: It was reported that the Department of Planning had held a charette resulting in a much improved concept for the area based around a central park with reoriented streets and medium density housing. Future action is unclear.

Development Control Plan: It is understood that this NSC document is to be reviewed. The Chair undertook to enquire whether NSC will also be reviewing the LEP.

4. Reports from Standing Committees

Waverton Peninsula Working Group/ Save Berrys Bay Committee:

The first group formerly included members of Precinct, Council, RMS and State Property. It has been inactive, as has the second. BD has worked with Council to get the former group reactivated with a meeting expected in mid March; while it has been agreed that SBB is to be reactivated to address a variety of pressing and emerging issues including:

- Public wharf near Noakes
- Removal of dolphin wharf
- Heritage listing of the peninsula
- Movement of Quarantine lands to the care of the Balls Head Trust
- Access from Carradah Park to Balls Head Road before WHT works start
- Finalisation of remediation plans on completion of tunnel works including in the Bay and specifically whether a small marina should be included and Woodleys repurposed as a storage area for kayaks/ dinghies/ skiffs etc.
- Stub wharf for Coal Loader

It was proposed that representatives of Union and Lavender Precincts be invited to become part of the WPWG.

5. Community and Other Activities

Hubbub copies were made available to the meeting

6. New Business

Hills Figs in Waverton Park: Following another major branch collapse, a meeting will be held next Tuesday (10th) at 0900 with Dennis Marsden of NSC to discuss the risks to park users. Interested parties are urged to attend.

7. DAs

None relevant.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the DA form now requires a declaration of political donations in the prior 2 years.

8. Other Business

Bowling Club: NSC has secured an extension to the lease. It is likely they will demolish the building and add the area to parkland. The Chair is to enquire regarding when NSC is likely to decide its position and when public comment may be sought.

Invitation for Mayor to attend Precinct and speak on priority issues:

The Mayor has been formally invited to come and talk at any Precinct meeting between now and September.

Moved VY Seconded IB

“The Mayor be invited to make a presentation to Precinct”

Carried

9. Correspondence

The correspondence having been circulated:

Moved IB

Seconded JD

Accepted

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on April 7 2020, at the Waverton Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.