

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE 100th MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5 JULY 2022 AT 5.30PM
IN THE FULLER ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE

Present: Diana Mejia in the chair
Councillor Bourke

John Meadows, Resident
John Hancox, Wollstonecraft Precinct
Anthony Melinz, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Sean St Clair, Crows Nest Mainstreet
James Mullin, Colliers
Denise Ward, Crows Nest Centre
Katy Ballard, Holtermann Precinct
Vince Caruso, Crows Nest Mainstreet
JoEllen Henderson, Crows Nest Mainstreet

Council Staff:
Diana Mejia, Project Manager Engineering Infrastructure
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. Meeting opened at 5.33pm

2. Apologies:

The Mayor, Zoë Baker - Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services
- Sue Wadley, Resident

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 99th Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 March 2022.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Crows Nest Post Office

A question was asked as to where the money for the flyers to support the campaign to re-open the Crows Nest Post Office is coming from.

Council's Project Manager will get clarification as to where the money has come from in Council to support the campaign.

Holtermann Street Carpark

John Hancox requested Clarification about the funding of this project – Council's Project Manager can confirm that the allocated funds for this project are from State Government. As per Council resolution on 26 April 2022. Councillors will be provided with the Business Case and revised drawings prior to the DA being lodged and then

the financial implications of this project are to be reassessed. All information in regards this project and updates can be found in this link: <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/holtermann-carpark>

General Streetscape Improvements

John Hancox mentioned that the link on page 2 of the previous meeting minutes was taking readers to the wrong website. Council's Project Manager will review this.

After the meeting, Council's Project Manager reviewed previous meeting minutes and the link to the report put to Council in regards the levy funds expenditure on 27 July 2020, and it can be confirmed that the link was correct. The report is embedded in the meeting agenda between pages 543 and 583.

It was requested the committee be provided with a summary of expenditures for the financial year, the amount of levy to be collected, the amount spent and how much collected as well as the list of project's Council will be doing.

Council's Project Manager stated that there is a report being prepared to go to the July Council meeting explaining the Administration of Special Rates Crows Nest & Neutral Bay Business Areas, and the expenditure plan for the next few years. There is \$500,000 for this financial year 2022/23, which is for the Mainstreet, and this will be spent in Crows Nest. A portion of that money is coming from the Mainstreet Levy and a portion from the capital works reserve, which is from Council money.

Council's Project Manager explained that Council officers are scoping works from the masterplan to see which works are going to be undertaken this financial year. An updated report will be put to the 25 July 2022 council meeting (Report 8.10 Administration of Special Rates Levied for Crows Nest and Neutral Bay Business Areas and Capital Works Delivery Program).

5. Projects Update

5.1. Holtermann Street Carpark Re-development

The consultation has closed for the Holtermann Street Carpark Re-development and there has been good support for Option 1. The report went to Council as a recommendation on 26 April to pursue Option 1. Feedback was received and that feedback will be incorporated into the final design. The next part of this project will be the DA design documentation. This is proposed to be completed by September 2022. There will be a councillor briefing on the detail design and this will then be lodged for DA around October 2022. During the DA Assessment the project will be put on public exhibition and the community will be able to provide further feedback. It is estimated that the DA assessment will be finalised in March 2023.

5.2. General Streetscape Improvements

Stage 1 Hume Street Carpark which is the link connecting Crows Nest Village with the Hume Street Park is now 90% complete. Due to the weather, there has been problems as well with suppliers which has caused delay. It should be ready by the end of July 2022.

Ernest Place - It was stated that sections of grass in Ernest Place need looking at as it is dying. It was advised that Council has been looking into a solution for this. Council's Project Manager advised that the wet weather was not helping either.

New Works - In the new financial year Council is currently scoping the works from the Masterplan and that there is \$500,000 available for 2022/23 to do streetscape upgrades. Delivery program for the area will be reported to Council in July listing which projects will be done in the area in the next few years.

It was stated that Council adopted that part of the Mainstreet Levy which goes to the Streetscape Improvements and part to the Crows Nest Fair.

Council's Project Manager will clarify last financial year expenditure and provide to the committee.

6. Strategic Planning

6.1. Crows Nest Metro Update

The underground construction works at the Crows Nest Station are nearing completion and the above ground works will commence in the next few months. The Metro will deliver the community some streetscape upgrade. In July they are starting investigation works for the streetscape upgrades which is footpaths from Clark Street between Willoughby and Oxley, and Oxley between Pacific Highway and Oxley on both sides of the footpath. These works will be done by the Metro. The public domain works are expected to be started in August 2022.

6.2. 2036 Plan Update

The 2036 Plan Update was adopted, and this provides the future development of St. Leonards/Crows Nest area. There are a lot of projects in the area and each project will be managed case by case, with this guidance Council can assess development applications. NSW Planning want to make sure that the vision of the area is kept and they are also supporting Council in trying to keep a consistent approach for future development in the area.

7. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update

Crows Nest Fair

It was reported that the Crows Nest Fair is underway and planning started a few months ago. The fair footprint and program are still being coordinated. Crows Nest Mainstreet are in contact with Council's relevant divisions for approvals and coordination.

Event Managers have been engaged and they are from the Crows Nest area. They have started the process of applications to Council as far as contacting other authorities that they need including security.

Flyers and posters have been completed to be put in shop windows. They are promoting the bid to the locals first above the outsiders, the priority will be the locals. They have a tiered pricing system for the stalls, a lower price for charities. The Mainstreet are currently looking for sponsors. They are looking at Council being more supportive in regard to expenses, as funding is ample this year.

Walk around Crows Nest - Council's Project Manager will arrange a walk around Crows Nest with the Mainstreet.

8. General Business

It was reported that the pedestrian refuge at the corner of Atchison Street and Willoughby Road was damaged by a vehicle and that the fence around it should be fixed.

Council's Project Manager will report this to the relevant Council officer for it to be repaired.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 November 2022.

10. Close Meeting 6.45pm