

NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
CROWS NEST SHOPPING AREA STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE 96th MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 5.30PM
IN THE FULLER ROOM, CROWS NEST CENTRE

Present: Diana Mejia, Project Manager, Engineering Infrastructure in the chair
Councillor Jilly Gibson - Mayor

Laura Tilsed, Holtermann Precinct
John Meadows, Holtermann Precinct
Tom Appleby, Colliers International
Joe Ellen Henderson, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Sean St Clair, Crows Nest Mainstreet
Dennis Xenos, Crow Nest Mainstreet
Peter Xenos, Crows Nest Mainstreet

Council Staff:

Diana Mejia, Project Manager, Engineering Infrastructure
Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Manager Strategic Planning
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

1. **Meeting opened at 5.40pm**
2. **Apologies:** Duncan Mitchell - Director Engineering and Property Services, Denise Ward - Crows Nest Centre.

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the 95th Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019 were adopted.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

5. **Projects Update**

- 5.1. Willoughby Road - between Burlington Street and Clarke Street

Streetscape upgrade works are planned to begin in July 2020 and finish in August 2020, these works include new footpath paving and street furniture.

- 5.2. Clarke Street - between Willoughby Road and Hume Lane

Streetscape upgrade works are planned to begin in August 2020 and finish in September 2020, these works include new footpath paving, street furniture, and beautification of existing outdoor dining areas.

These works will complement streetscape works finished in Willoughby Road.

5.3. General Streetscape Improvements

Albany Street and Oxley Street - Roundabout Upgrade

Works have been completed; Council's Project Manager stated that the feedback from the community was that people are happy with the final product of the roundabout. Ms Tilsed from the Holtermann Precinct stated she was thrilled with the roundabout.

Landscape installation was delayed due to heat and water restrictions, new planting has been installed.

The intersection upgrade received funding from RMS.

Hume Street Park Extension

In 2009 Council identified the need for additional open space in Crows Nest, and the expansion of the Hume Street Park was adopted in 2015, Council purchased properties and prepared the design plans.

The NSW government has provided funding to enable the construction of the plaza to go ahead and in 2020, Crows Nest will get an additional 800m² of open space:

- Properties 42 and 45-49 Hume Street will be demolished for the plaza with a central grassed area and planting.
- Properties 90 and 92 Willoughby Road will be demolished to create a 400m² pedestrian link between the plaza and Willoughby Road.

When the new Metro opens in 2024, 10,000 people are expected to use the pedestrian link during morning peak hour to walk between the station and the village.

6. Strategic Planning

6.1. Military Road Corridor Planning Study, Stage 1 Update

Council's Manager Strategic Planning stated that Council went out to exhibition of various options for the development along that corridor and the key to all of those options if there is to be an increase in development, the emphasis is on commercial/public land and the public benefit. There will be a report back to Council.

Stakeholders engagement and its feedback has been an important consideration in sketching the future of Neutral Bay town centre.

- The Military Road Corridor Planning Study, stage 1 (Neutral Bay town centre) commenced with community engagement in August 2018.
- Analysis, Objectives and Ideas were presented to Council in August and put on exhibition in September 2019.
- Community feedback from this exhibition was reported back to Council in October 2019.

All documents and the latest council report can be found at:

<https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/MRC>

Council is progressing with the Study and will look for further input from the community in due course. Public exhibition of the draft Future Direction Report (Draft final study) is anticipated for mid 2020.

Additional information please contact North Sydney Council's Strategic Planning
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6.2. Crows Nest Metro Update

Council's Manager Strategic Planning stated the Metro had proposed an increase in height to the over station to facilitate some development over and above the station, that went to the State Government which is still in progress. The Metro is being built and the corridor is underway. There is a possibility Crows Nest Station could be built without the building on top. It is to be completed in 2024.

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6.3. Priority Precinct Update

Council is in contact with the Department of Planning and at present there is no update.

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7. Crows Nest Mainstreet (CNMS) Update

Ms Henderson from the Crows Nest Mainstreet stated that the Mainstreet recently had their Annual General Meeting and now have new Directors on board.

The Crows Nest Festival was very successful, the most successful so far. Everyone was happy with the way it was run. The Christmas Carols were also a success.

8. General Business

Marks on pavers

It was stated there are markings on pavers outside 78 - 80 Alexander Street at the Intersection across from Milky Way. Council will organise to have these removed.

Alexander Street Carpark

Mr Xenos stated that the Alexander Street Carpark banks up of Friday afternoons, Saturdays and Sundays when it is at its busiest, there is nowhere for the cars to go and people are lined up to get into the car park, and at the same time people are trying to exit the carpark and are stuck getting out which causes gridlock, therefore people are stuck in the car park for hours on end which deters people coming to shop in Crows Nest.

Council's Project Manager will raise the issue with Council's Manager Traffic and Transport Operations.

Councillor Gibson stated that Council include in the scope of works a study on all possibilities to sort this problem out. Councillor Gibson will talk to Council's Manager Traffic & Transport Operations about making this an item at the Traffic Committee meeting.

Council's Project Manager will gather planning information done on Crows Nest over the last 10 years and seek possible solutions for the traffic problems around Alexander Street Carpark.

Councillor Gibson suggested there be an extra meeting before September. Once the meeting has been set everyone will be notified.

Grass in Ernest Place

It was stated that the grass in parts of Ernest Place is dead and in need of replacing. It was suggested that synthetic turf be looked into for the area.

Council's Project Manager stated she will look into Hybrid grass that is being trialled at Primrose Park and outside the Council Chambers and what options could be used for this area in Ernest Place and will report back to the next meeting.

Vivid in Crows Nest

It was suggested that Council bring Vivid to Crows Nest.

It was stated that Council wouldn't be willing to have Vivid in Crows Nest at the present time.

Underawning Lights

Mr Xenos stated that the under awning lights in Crows Nest are not working at all and need replacing.

Council's Project Manager will organise a meeting with Denise Xenos to walk through Crows Nest and identify what needs to be replaced.

Tree Lighting

It was suggested that tree lighting be added to the Plane trees coming from top end of Willoughby Road and the other end on the border of Chandos Street, on the commercial side of Willoughby Road at entry points to Crows Nest.

It was stated that the entry of Alexander Street and Pacific Highway also needs lighting.

Outdoor Dining Fees

It was stated that the number of shops that are empty in Crows Nest at present needs to be raised with Council and put on record as the number are growing and has got worse over the years. It was suggested that Council have a look at the outdoor dining fees and see if they can be reviewed.

Councillor Gibson will look into the outdoor dining fees in other areas and come back to the next meeting.

9. Next Meeting - 15 September 2020

10. Close Meeting - 6.50pm