Lavender Bay Precinct

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 25 August 2016

Starting at 8 pm

1. Welcome / Apologies / Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were 8 present and 8 apologies. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

2. 1 Henry Lawson Avenue

The Land and Environment Court hearing started on 22 August with an on-site viewing at which objectors were invited to speak. The Commissioner heard from members of Precinct, as well as representatives from Friends of Sydney Harbour and the Waverton Public Lands and Water Protection Association. The community believes that the land should be public open space and not limited to private use. Written notes were tendered to the Court.

The hearing continued in Court for a further 2.5 days, with discussions focusing on the extent of, and potential impact on, the heritage significance of the site. The community’s view is that any heritage value is limited due to the original building being burnt down and rebuilt in the 70s, with the slipway and windings concreted over. The Court has reserved judgment, which is expected within 2 months.

3. Luna Park site

The State Government has announced that the unsigned umbrella deed has been set aside and the government has reacquired control of the clifftop site overlooking Luna Park for $3m. The matter was discussed in a breakfast speech by Dominic Perrottet at the Kirribilli Club. The Chair would like to thank FV and BV for the opportunity to attend.

A request to modify consent conditions for a restaurant on Site C was submitted before the government announcement (but is still on public exhibition).
4. **McMahons Point wharf upgrade**  
The new wharf appears to be more intrusive than expected. The pontoon is expected to be put in place on 28 August, with works expected to be completed in mid October.

5. **Sydney Metro**  
Precinct is still concerned about the impact of truck movements and loss of parking along Blues Point Road. Updates will be provided as they become available.

6. **Berrys Bay**  
The South Steyne ferry is moored temporarily at the dolphin wharf. Waverton and Union precincts are concerned about plans to moor the floating dock in the bay.

7. **Precinct funding**  
Precinct approved the execution by the Secretary of the memorandum with Council.

8. **Consultations**  
Draft Street Tree Strategy is on display at Council – comments close 5 September.  

St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan is under way – survey closes 16 September.  

HMAS Platypus site Draft Management Plan is on display – comments close 23 September.  

9. **Community events**  
Wendy’s Garden – next gardening morning 3 September. RSVP to Secretary by 31 August.

Fort Street Chamber Choir – 6-7pm, 9 September, Christ Church, Lavender Bay.  
www.resonance.net.au/#!fort-street-sept-2016/zyolk

Wendy Whiteley in conversation – 6.30pm, 9 September, North Sydney Community Centre. 

Neighbours of Lavender Bay walking tour (Council event) – 10-11.45am, 10 September.  

Sculpture at Sawmillers – Volunteers are needed 17-25 September. Official opening 17 Sep.  
www.sculptureatsawmillers.com

10. **Development Applications**  
3 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point DA 10/2016  
Precinct maintains its objection to the proposed development on the grounds of height, shadowing, inadequate southern setback, complicated parking, reduced landscaped area, view loss, heritage impact and insufficient parking.

A Land and Environment Court on-site viewing is scheduled for 9.30am on 1 September, giving the community an opportunity to voice their concern about the proposal. Concerned residents are requested to contact the Secretary to co-ordinate attendance.
11. General Business
At its July meeting, Council unanimously resolved to give in-principle support to the renaming of the Lavender Bay Boardwalk to recognise the contribution of Peter Kingston.

At its August meeting, as part of a composite motion, Council resolved to name the boardwalk at Lavender Bay the Peter Kingston boardwalk. A notice of rescission was later lodged.

**Precinct requests Council** to put the naming of the Lavender Bay boardwalk as the Peter Kingston boardwalk as a separate and distinct motion at the next Council meeting, in order to reflect the majority support expressed at the July and August Council meetings.

Precinct noted that excessive lighting at the northern end of Luna Park has now been reduced.

**Precinct thanks Council** for removing the palm fronds from the walkway adjacent to 3 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point.

**Precinct asks Council** to investigate the gardening rubbish outside 12 East Crescent Street, McMahons Point.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.
Next Meeting: 8pm, Thursday 29 September 2016.