NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

NEUTRAL BAY SHOPPING AREA STREETSCAPE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE 138th MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2014 AT 5.30PM IN THE NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEUTRAL BAY

Present: Director Engineering and Property Services, Duncan Mitchell (in the Chair)

Claire Thomas, Concept Event Management/NBCC
Richard O’Grady, Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce

Council staff:
Duncan Mitchell, Director Engineering and Property Services
John Butterworth, Projects Manager
Shari Amery, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

1. Meeting opened at 5.45pm, with Director Engineering and Property Services, Duncan Mitchell in the Chair.

2. Apologies

The Mayor, Jilly Gibson, Councillor Veronique Marchandeau, Rick Doran, Rivoli Howard, Colin Croll, and Warwick Youell.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 137th Meeting held on 24 June 2014 were adopted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

5. Major Capital Works

5.1 Grosvenor Lane and Young Lane Shared Zone - Catenary Lighting

Council’s Projects Manager advised that these works have gone out to tender as of Monday 26 August, for four weeks.

Council’s Projects Manager advised that the lights will be bronze metal with Swarovski crystals.

5.2 Grosvenor Lane

Council’s Projects Manager advised that Grosvenor Lane will be considered as part of the Integrated Traffic and Parking Strategy.
Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that considering Grosvenor Lane as part of the broader strategy will allow traffic counts to take place and consideration of converting Grosvenor Lane into a Shared Zone.

5.3 Military Road Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that these works are now part of the wider Military Road Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan. Street furniture costings will take place and the project will be broken up into stages. There is the opportunity for priorities to be set prior to works commencing.

5.4 Grosvenor Lane Study

Council’s Project Manager advised that at the Legal and Planning Committee meeting Monday 25 August 2014 it was resolved to recommend to Council that the Grosvenor Lane Planning Study be adopted.

It was also recommended that Council adopt the amendments to the draft DCP 2013 regarding the North Sydney Bus Depot.

Both recommendations will be considered when the Legal and Planning minutes are reported to Council at the 15 September meeting, after which time the Grosvenor Lane Study will go on public exhibition.

Council’s Senior Strategic Planner will attend the next Neutral Bay Streetscape Committee meeting to discuss the draft DCP amendments.

6. Minor Capital Works

6.1 Traffic Signal Control Boxes Art Project

Council’s Projects Manager advised that this project is now completed and will no longer be included on future agendas.

6.2 Gateway Signage

Council’s Projects Manager advised that this will be considered as part of the wider Military Road Public Domain Upgrade Masterplan.

7. Other Initiatives

7.1 Markets

Ms Thomas advised that she will shortly be distributing a flyer survey to local shops which promotes the markets and seeks either support or objection. Ms Thomas advised that the purpose of seeing objectors is to try to work with them to ameliorate their concerns about the markets.
8. **Recurring Works**

8.1 **Paving Maintenance**

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services asked for any spots that require attention to be advised to his office.

Council’s Projects Manager advised that a trial of new seating in Neutral Bay will take place soon.

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services informed the meeting that he had suggested a security camera in the lobby of the Neutral Bay Community Centre to deter vandals; however, the proposal was not fully supported by Council’s Director Community and Library Services.

8.2 **Under-Awning Lighting**

Council’s Projects Manager advised that Stage 7, the Ben Boyd Road to Watson Street section, on the south side of Military Road, is complete.

8.3 **Rubbish Bins**

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that requests for more rubbish bins should be sent directly to Council’s Engineering and Property Services division.

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised there was also a Notice of Motion by Councillor Beregi at the 9 December 2013 Council meeting regarding rubbish bins, which was followed up Council’s Environmental Services Manager in a report to the Council meeting 23 June 2014 where it was resolved:

1. THAT Council proceeds to consult with the Streetscape Committees and Precinct Committees on the possible location of additional public garbage bins e.g. hot spots, including consideration as to whether it is appropriate in certain locations to have a wheelie bin in place of steel bin, as they do not require the same level of maintenance.
2. THAT a further report be prepared for the Council with the proposed locations and numbers of additional public garbage bins together with associated costings.
3. THAT the Public Bin Minimisation Policy be renamed Public Bin Policy.
4. THAT Council resolves to pay additional attention to bins in prominent areas including Milsons Point Station, including the emptying and cleaning of these bins.

9. **Woolworths, 43-53 Grosvenor Street**

See 5.4 Grosvenor Lane Study

10. **Chamber of Commerce**

10.1 **Police matters**

Nil.
10.2 Chamber of Commerce Coordinator

Ms. Thomas advised that the Chamber is in the process of launching a new website.

Ms. Thomas advised that the Chamber is currently organising a September social event.

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that Council resolved to run a Christmas decoration competition in 2014 with prizes for the two best-decorated residences and the two best-decorated businesses. (G04: Christmas Decoration Competition, Council 21 July 2014, Minute No. 270), and suggested the Chamber of Commerce might cross-promote the competition to businesses in Neutral Bay.

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that fairy lights on shop awnings is being organised by Council and the Chamber should contact the Council’s Executive Administration Officer of the Director Corporate Services to coordinate.

Ms Thomas advised that a draft Neutral Bay directory for businesses and residents is still outstanding.

10.3 RMS Transport: Military Road kerbside parking

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services advised that the Neutral Bay Bus Depot is State Government Property and Council is registered an interested party. Council is unsure what the State Government’s plans for the depot are.

Council’s Director Engineering and Property Services that the Bus Rapid transit system is still in the pre-feasibility stage. SHOROC is keen for the project to go ahead, but North Sydney Council is against it due to the impacts on businesses.

11. General Business

Council’s Projects Manager will electronically circulate copies of the Neutral Bay Shopping Area Streetscape Annual Report.

12. Next meeting

Tuesday, 14 October 2014 at 5.30pm in the Supper Room, Council Chambers.

13. Close of Meeting

The meeting concluded at 6.18pm.