

## **WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING**

### **4 March 2023**

#### **MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm at the Waverton Uniting Church Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Deborah Lloyd

Attendance: 17

#### **WELCOME AND APOLOGY**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Jeremy Dawkins was an apology.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The confirmation of previous minutes was moved by Kevin Alker, seconded by Tim Wilson.

***“That the March 2023 Minutes be accepted”.***

Carried unanimously.

#### **EXISTING BUSINESS**

##### **Western Harbour Link Project**

This project will no longer require Waverton access and will be built at a lower level than originally planned. North Sydney Mayor is currently making requests to change the angle of the project to circumvent the main business district of North Sydney completely. The community relations team have confirmed they will attend a meeting to explain the current situation to us but need to check their positions with the incoming Minister first.

##### **Milsons Point Cycle Ramp update**

Transport NSW continue to favour a design that clips onto the side of the railway station, with the entry/exit to the ramp at North Bradfield park. The community's and Council's preferred design exits at approximately the point of the old Kirribilli Bowling Club. The petition is currently at around 5,000 signatures. The Mayor is planning to speak with the new NSW Transport Minister regarding this matter.

##### **Merrett Playground**

A periodic upgrade of the playground was on the capital works list for 2023 but the Precinct requested this be delayed until the former Bowling Club site's future was clearer. However the Council decided in March that the upgrade will go ahead, sometime this year.

The slope on the site is informally used as part of the playground but can be dangerous. It contains rocks and other obstacles.

It was:

Moved JB

Seconded GF

“The Precinct asks Council to include improving and using the slope as part of the overall upgrade of the playground. It is suggested that changes should be made to the current playground upgrade plan to utilise the slope as part of the playground, for example by including a long slide at ground level (access at the top, exit at the bottom). “

Unanimously passed.

### **Berry’s Bay Masterplan**

The Chair reported the Mayor is confident that the ‘Masterplan’ project will go ahead. She sees this as a continuation of previous Labor governments’ decisions supporting preservation and conservation in this area, but she will be approaching the new Minister for confirmation.

The meeting then split into two groups to discuss ideas for what the community wants to see (and what is most important), in the next changes needed in the Berry’s Bay area.

Commonalities between the two groups will form the basis of a Community submission by the Precinct to the Council and to the Department of Transport for the next batch of improvements, including for the current ‘Masterplan’ for the 3 sites which are due to form a new public park in mid 2024 ( subject to the new Government’s view, as mentioned above).

GROUP 1:	GROUP 2:
<p>Number 1 - high importance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No significant marina</li><li>• Community facility with kitchen, for similar functions to the bowling club, for local low key events but no noise after 10pm - and preferably in the Woodleys Shed</li><li>• A foreshore walk with route through the whole site, with shade and public seating</li><li>• The wharf at the Quarantine depot to become a Public jetty</li><li>• No excessive demand for car parking - maybe a dozen or so spots maybe behind the bund wall.</li></ul> <p>Number 2 - important</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elements that make it an attractive place to visit</li><li>• Select native plantings to attract wildlife</li><li>• Cafe/eatery</li><li>• Facility to tie up dinghy and to store kayaks (and so keep the beach as clear as possible, to be used as a beach)</li><li>• Facility for volunteer groups such as sea scouts/men’s and women’s shed/ dinghy and kayak club to be centred in this area</li></ul>	<p>Number 1 - high importance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider the whole area not just the land but also the water</li><li>• Clean up the Bay including collapsed wharf or marina structures and improve quality of water</li><li>• Create a sense of place, not just an access track between Carradah Park to Balls Head... Think of this as an ‘Out for the whole day’ amenity</li><li>• Create safe access to the water in some way- and introduce a public jetty</li><li>• Incremental or ‘opportunistic’ car parking only</li><li>• Shade and seating around the foreshore</li></ul> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a place for small functions (21st, 40th, art classes, yoga classes etc) and preferably in the Woodley’s Shed</li></ul>

<p>Priority 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bush tucker education</li> <li>● Artisan spaces to hire</li> </ul> <p>Strategic and longer term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create new Masterplan that covers all Berrys Bay, both the water and the land</li> <li>● Remove the dolphin wharf</li> <li>● If appropriate, swap the Quarantine facility for the Bowling Club for indigenous ownership and a new facility - maybe including indigenous tours in the area as well.</li> </ul>	
<b>COMMONALITIES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No significant car parking</li> <li>● Foreshore walk with shade and seating</li> <li>● A community function facility</li> <li>● Consideration of both land and water</li> <li>● A public jetty for smaller craft - no significant marina</li> </ul>	

### **COMMUNITY ALIVE PROCESS**

The issue of over-development of the Neutral Bay Woolworths site has led to discussion in the Combined Precinct group of the 'Community Alive process' which involves outreach at key locations to gauge public opinion and is used by Lane Cove Council. This was put to the North Sydney Council by the Combined Precinct Committee and the Council were unanimously favourable to the idea of trialling this new community consultation process in Neutral Bay.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There is a broken water pipe at the end of Ross Street.

Graffiti and deterioration on public signage especially in the Carradah Park area requires Council attention. An audit of the state of all public signs would be sensible and the resulting maintenance can be planned, funded, and undertaken.

There also was a request for Council to look for Improvements to be made of obstructions ( often as vegetation grows and obscures views around pedestrian crossings.

### **DAs**

- No DAs at the present time.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Nil to report. The meeting finished at 9:41pm. Next meeting is on Tuesday May 2nd, 2023.