

MINUTES OF THE COOGEE PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Monday 17 September 2012

Senior Citizens Centre, Brook Street Coogee [opposite Rugby Club]

1. Mark resumed Chair after running as Candidate in the recent Council elections (for the Central Ward). Welcome and Conflict of Interest statement.
2. Apologies from Alice W, John G and Councillor Roberts.
3. Correspondence – Council Traffic Committee material, various leaflets from Council for upcoming events and current consultations (placed on table). DA's lodged and determined lists emailed. Brochures.
 - Rhubarb Foods Co-op weekly vegie box collection every Thursday 6pm from Barrett House.
 - The Randwick Environmental Park with regard to:
 - Wetlands of the Eastern Suburbs photographic exhibition - Monday/Tuesday 1–4 pm to 25 Sept.
 - Council's request for feedback about what we value most about it and how they can best manage this valuable asset – reply until 5 October 2012.
 - Young person's photographic competition (5–18 years) favourite part of the park -by Friday 26 Oct.
4. Minutes of last meeting – these were confirmed.

5. Matters arising (resolutions in bold pertain to August meeting)

- 5.1 Draft DCP [inc. Late Night Trading] (23/11) (41/11) (62/11) (31/12) –Council staff had been working on the Draft DCP which should be going to Council soon.
- 5.2 DA 534/2011 – 17 Garnet Street South Coogee (48/11) (1/12) (37/12) - Approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 24 July 2012 (8 for and 6 against).
- 5.3 CCTV Installation – (17/12) (32/12) – Council's response - *the Precinct's suggestion to have the issue of CCTV on private property included in the comprehensive DCP will be considered.*
- 5.4 St Basil's development (22/12) – nothing new to report
- 5.5 Randwick City Council Budget & Operational Plan (28/12) (33/12) – Council's response - *the Precinct will be kept up to date re the multipurpose community facility for Coogee. A Precinct member suggested that should a new facility be approved, the Senior Citizens Hall would make a great childcare centre as it is increasingly difficult to access local childcare.*
- 5.6 Coogee Bay Road – road and pedestrian safety works (34/12) – Council's response advised:
 - *The works arose out of a concern about the high number of pedestrians being struck by vehicles in the area. A recent study showed that in this area 15 pedestrians had been struck by vehicles over a 5 year period. The RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) agreed to fund a study and to fund any works recommended in the study.*
 - *The intent was to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through the area by the works undertaken which will soon be supplemented with a 40 km/h speed limit.*
 - *The Arden Street traffic devices were the subject of a discussion at a recent Council Meeting where it was resolved that a report be submitted to the RTC, from Council Officers, assessing options for reducing the severity of the recently installed speed humps in Arden Street. The Council's Manager of Integrated Transport, Mr Tony Lehmann, advises that Council Officers will soon be examining the options available.*

There was general discussion that:

- The works were not held in high esteem by the residents.
- Most of pedestrian accidents had not occurred between Brook and Arden St where the works had been done but at the Brook St intersection and involved traffic coming from the west, south and north and the speed of traffic from these directions had not been addressed.
- The works had resulted in a loss of car spaces which are already too few.
- The works were badly positioned and should have been located further along the road in the no stopping zone.
- The 40 km/h speed zone signs had not been installed yet.
- Pedestrians thought some of the traffic calming works were pedestrian crossings - which they are not!

Resolution: 40/12 – The Precinct asks to be notified when the matter of the Arden Street speed bumps is submitted to the Randwick Traffic Committee.

- 5.7 Sewerage at Coogee Beach (35/12) – Council had advised the Precinct to contact Mr Darren Cash from Sydney Water. The Precinct had done so and had received sewerage diagrams for the Coogee Promenade. Discussions identified that the sewerage system in Coogee was an archaic one that was only used in one other area in Sydney, that being, a park in Liverpool. Nowhere else in Sydney does such a system exist. Concern was raised that given the current and proposed increased development (for e.g. St Basils development) and density in our suburb the problems associated with the current system will be exacerbated and needs to be addressed. It was also noted by attendees that after heavy rain the water quality at the beach was very poor and swimmers should wait 3 days prior to swimming – this concerned everyone.

Resolution 41/12 – The Precinct requests that the relevant Council Officer (Engineer) come and address the Precinct regarding the sewerage system at Coogee beachfront.

- 5.8 Upcoming Precinct Event – Roger Woodward bbq – a date and plans for November to be notified soon.
- 5.9 Smell and smoke – beach promenade Saturday of the June long weekend at 9.00 pm – nothing new to report
- 5.10 Coogee Photo Festival Event (36/12) – Council's Coordinator Events and Marketing, Katie Griffith, will attend our October 15th Precinct meeting to discuss the idea of a photo festival.
- 5.11 O'Farrell Government proposed changes to planning (38/12) (39/12) – Council's response was noted that Council's staff are reviewing the Green Paper and preparing a Council submission prior to the closing date and the Precinct's July resolution will be incorporated into the submission.

6. New matters

6.1 Recent Council elections – It was noted that the local election had recently taken place and that the fifteen Councillors have been elected to serve on the new Randwick City Council for the next four years, those being:

- East Ward – Tony Bowen (Labour), Murray Matson (The Greens) & Brendan Roberts (Liberal).
- North Ward – Kiel Smith (Liberal), Kathy Neilson (Labour) & Lindsay Shurey (The Greens).
- Central Ward – Geoff Stevenson (Labour), Ted Seng (Liberal) & Anthony Andrews (Independent).
- South Ward – Robert Belleli (Liberal), Noel D’Souza (Labor) & Pat Garcia (Labor).
- West Ward – Scott Nash (Liberal), Greg Moore (Labor) & Harry Stavrinou (Liberal).

Resolution 42/12 – That the Precinct congratulates all candidates who have been elected and extends an ongoing invitation to Councillors to attend Coogee Precinct meetings when convenient, to engage in relevant and interesting local discussions.

6.2 Council Rangers – A number of members spoke about their increasing and ongoing frustrations particularly with the warmer weather upon us regarding:

- i) Rangers and their ability to attend areas regularly and at the relevant times to regulate Council policies relating in particular to:
 - Fitness groups - location, illegal use of Council Structures, size of groups, domination of public spaces, and related noise.
 - Illegal Parking and associated problems.
 - Glass and rubbish left on the beach, parks and ovals.
 - Dogs off lead and dog poo not being cleaned up.
- ii) Council’s inconsistent policy with regard to the usage of inland versus coastal parks – the 100 metre rule only applies to coastal parks and not inland parks. All residents should be treated equally.

Resolution 43/12 – That the Precinct suggests that there be a review of fitness groups usage of the beach, parks (inland and coastal), ovals and other public spaces and that more rangers are employed to police and enforce Council policies.

6.3 Green Paper – It was noted that the Green Paper had been on public exhibition until Friday 14 September 2012 and that submissions and feedback had been encouraged. There had also been two community consultation sessions regarding the NSW Government’s Green Paper, the latter being on September 5, 2012. A Precinct member had attended this session and gave an outline of what had occurred, how many attended and what the next steps would be. It was felt that the Green Paper will not provide answers at an individual level i.e. at the DA stage but was rather aimed at a higher level. The next stage will involve developing the detail and testing each of the supported proposals in the Green Paper. You can register your interest and participate in the online forum at www.planning.nsw.gov.au. Information about focused workshops to develop up the detail of proposals in the Green Paper will also be available on the website.

6.4 Precinct Website – It was agreed that the Coogee Precinct needed a web site to promote its value and help inform the community. The web site would be used for the general information about what we do, we could make the Minutes and responses from Council available, have a calendar of meetings and contact information, gather email contacts and provide other relevant information and links for e.g. DA lists, liquor licenses etc. The person who developed the Matraville web site was available to do a similar web site for the Coogee Precinct and had made a start (a print out was handed around). Also the domain name www.coogeeprecinct.com had been registered at a cost of \$26.00 per year.

Resolution 44/12 – That the Precinct supports a website being developed and approves the use of Precinct funds to develop the web site and fund the domain name

6.5 DA 488/2012 | 143- 145 Mount Street, Coogee – residents outlined their concerns – the developer was doubling the number of dwellings from 2 to 4, as well as increasing the floor space by 200% without providing any parking in a street where it is already difficult to park.

Resolution 45/12 – That the Precinct is concerned about another development without provision for parking especially when the size of the development is doubling and exceeds allowable FSR in a street that is already difficult to park in

6.6 DA 496/2012 | 6 Palmer Street, South Coogee – residents outlined their concerns – 30% over height limit, 40 – 50% over FSR, roof top swimming pool holding 40 tonnes of water on the 3rd story, extensive usage of glass and full length balcony along the length of the side of the house creating privacy and amenity concerns/issues for the neighbours.

Resolution 46/12 - That the Precinct object to this DA due to its various non-compliances (FSR and height) and design particularly the long side balcony that would directly adversely impact the neighbours amenity and privacy

6.7 Coogee Bay Hotel – new openable/bi-fold windows in the Beach Bar. These had been approved back in 2006. In 2010 the hotel lodged a DA to install similar windows in the Sports Bar further along Coogee Bay Rd. The residents and the Police opposed this DA and both Council and the Land and Environment Court rejected the proposal. Precinct members were asked to monitor the impact of the Beach Bar windows being open to those using the footpath along Coogee Bay Road.

6.8 New water bubblers

Resolution 47/12 – That the Precinct would like to thank Council for installing the water bubblers along our coastal walk as they are being extensively used and appreciated by everyone

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____

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