

Claremont College Resident Consultative Committee Meeting No 4

Wednesday 28 November 2018 at Coogee Room, Randwick Council Building, Frances St Randwick

Meeting Notes

Item 1 – Attendance and apologies

Apologies:

- Bernard Roberts, resident (13/32 Coogee Bay Road)
- Paul Freeman (17 Chatham St)
- Wolfgang Babeck (3 Dolphin St)
- Nick Kiossoglu (20 Dolphin Street)
- Judith Pini
- Tadd Pike (Claremont College)

Attendees:

Claremont College

- Doug Thomas (DT) Principal
- Lulu Mitchell (LM) Administration Manager

Claremont College Parents and Friends Association

- Lisa Stamatelatos (LS)
- Damien Chee (DC)
- Theresa Fearn (TF)

Residents

- Costa Cominos (CC) (3 Gray St) (permanent replacement for Barbara Dougan)
- Dorothee Babeck (DB) (3 Dolphin St) – alternate for Wolfgang Babeck
- Kate Aisbett (KA) (7 Dolphin St) – alternate for Bernard Roberts
- Carlos Demnati (CD) (13/36 Coogee Bay Rd) – alternate for Judith Pini
- James Vesper (JV) (14 Dolphin St) – alternate for Paul Freeman

Randwick City Council

- Tony Lehmann (TL), Manager Integrated Transport

Chairperson

- Stuart McDonald (SM)

Item 2 – Council resolution of 22 May 2018 re. Judge Lane partial closure

- TL provided a summary of the resolution of the Council to not support the Judge Lane partial closure. Decision cannot be revisited for a minimum of 3 months.
- Resident representatives advised that they had been surprised by the Council consideration of the matter and had received no warning.

- School and P&F representatives advised that they had not requested the Council's consideration and were also surprised.
- In response to a suggestion by CC it was agreed by attendees that any future moves to have the matter considered by the Council would be proceeded by notice to the Committee. Further, in the event that any member of the Committee becomes aware of a motion before Council they will advise all Committee members of the motion and also advise the Chair.

Item 3 – Ongoing review of traffic

- TL advised that the audit of Judge Lane is complete. All matters recommended in the audit have been implemented. Matters in previous minutes relating to Judge Lane have been actioned with the exception of those relating to partial closure owing to the Council decision of 22 May.
- In response to further matters raised by Committee members TL advised of future actions:
 - Traffic survey of Judge Lane – counts/speed/size. Will be undertaken over 7-10 days during school term (TL action 1)
 - Assessment of vehicle queuing in Dolphin St. Also to be undertaken during school term (TL action 2)
- LM confirmed that Judge Lane is safer for students due to the measures undertaken by the Council and extended thanks to the Council
- DB advised that Dolphin St had improved
- DB and CC raised speeding traffic in St Luke's St and the possibility of speed signage.
- TL indicated that speed humps are not supported due to potential noise impacts for residents and that the cross fall of Dolphin Street were not allow safe introduction.
- TL will request Police to undertake some enforcement action as well as consider whether speed warning signage or painted on road would be useful (TL action 3)
- LM advised that the School will remind parents not to speed in local streets (School action 1)
- In response to a request from CC, TL agreed to review the location of the car share parking spot in Gray St (TL action 4)
- TL also advised that he will request the Council Rangers to enforce the No Stopping areas at the Heath Street/Gray Street intersection (TL action 5)

Item 4 - Latest information from School regarding current practices, including drop-off and pick-up

- DT outlined initiatives:
 - Physical improvements to Judge Street footpath and kerb to allow for improvement pedestrian movement of students
 - 4 staff on duty at afternoon pick-up in Judge Street to move cars along if child not ready; encourages circulation rather than queuing and double-parking
 - Staggered pick-up times 3.00pm (kindergarten) and 3.10pm and unofficial 3.20pm as well
 - Any observed double-parking by parent's subject to a letter from the School
 - Regular reminders to parents in weekly School newsletter regarding expected driver behaviour
 - Written advice to parents not to block Dolphin Street driveways
 - Use of School "app" to alert parents of one-off incidents

- CC and KA raised future AUSGRID works estimated for March onwards and potential disruption for School and residents. TL to advise AUSGRID of concerns and to consult with School (TL action 6).
- CC to circulate any AUSGRID correspondence

Item 5 – School property acquisitions

- DT advised that the Anglican Schools Corporation have recently purchased 6, 8 and 10 Heath St and previously 12 Heath St as well as 23 Judge St. DT and Claremont are not certain of the Corporation's plans as they act independently of the School.
- DT advised that current building works to No 6 is essential maintenance such as rewiring and roofing in order to prepare for future residential rental.
- JV raised the School's strategic plan to expand and requested the Council's response.
- TL advised that the Council does not have a position. It is open to the School/Corporation to purchase property and rent for residential use. Council would only be involved if there is a future development application.
- DT confirmed that the School does have a strategic plan to expand and that this may mean purchasing a large site elsewhere and moving. DT outlined several properties that the School/Corporation have expressed interest in or bid for around the Randwick LGA.
- LS advised that the school would like a high school but there is no site found.
- DT advised that there is no strategy to purchase more properties in Heath St or Judge St and the recent purchases occurred only when the properties came on to the market. Also no interest in purchasing 18 Dolphin St despite approaches from agents.
- SM suggested that there is land banking occurring but this has occurred on a speculative basis and the properties are investment at the least.
- SM suggested that the Committee would be the best forum for the School to provide any updates on purchases or future plans.

Item 6 – Adopted Terms of Reference

- SM advised that as result of the 2 May Committee meeting the final ToR have been adopted by the Committee and distributed.
- CC question whether the minutes of the meetings are being placed on the Council's website. SM and TL undertake to action (TL action 7)
- TL was unable to advise further regarding the postponement of the August scheduled meeting
- TF raised the ongoing external Chair involvement
- SM confirmed the Council's intension was to commence the Committee with an external independent Chair with the thought to then transition to the Committee members taking over the role.
- LM and DT requested ongoing Council officer involvement and attendance.
- SM to include the issue of the Chair on next meeting agenda would encourage members to consider a model with a revolving chair shared between residents and the School from the next meeting onwards.
- CC suggested meeting every 3 months.

- DT suggested 3 meetings/year.
- Agreed that future meetings may be “Issue” based, such as dealing with AUSGRID.

Item 7 – Any further business

- (i) CC raised water flow from school site into Judge Lane and down slope on Gray St corner causing slippery pedestrian risk.
- DT advised that detention tanks have been included on school site and the water flow is underground spring.
- JV asked about the Council construction a drain.
- TL advised that there is no drainage line in the line but that he would request the Council drainage engineer to consider an option (TL action 8)
- (ii) DT requested removal of no-right-turn from Perouse Rd into Coogee Bay Rd.
- TL advised that he will review following implementation of light rail and a period of consideration of changed traffic conditions and behaviour (TL action 9 – long term)
- TL confirmed would need RMS approval and their focus will be on maximising public transport access

Item 8 – Next meeting date

- 13 March 2019

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.