

**The Millers Point Community
Resident Action Group (MPCRAG)**



MINUTES

DATE

Tuesday 14th April 2020

6.30pm

Meeting held via ZOOM, in line with current
COVID-19 restrictions

COMMITTEE

President Anne Warr

Vice President John McInerney

Public Officer John Dunn

Treasurer Jim Warren

Secretary Yasmina Bonnet

Committee Margaret Bishop
Bernard Kelly
Anne Crabb
Heather Smith

APOLOGIES

Suzan Clear, John Brown, Margaret Bishop, Ling Yoong

ATTENDEES

Visitors

Katherine Bushnell – Social sustainability Manager – Lend Lease

Anne Diwell - City of Sydney

Residents

John Dunn, Anne Warr, Yasmina Bonnet, Bernard Kelly, John McInerney, Jim Warren,
Jan Powell, Anne Crabb, Caroline Pidcock, Heather Smith, Ashley Yields, Mary
Moloney, Helen Meddings, Candice Murphy, Nicholas Wolff, Jo Marchese, Robert
Hansen, Anthony Beker, Jaz Stephens, Stuart Murray, Jaz Stephens

| AGENDA ITEMS | |
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| Meeting Opening Anne Warr | Acknowledgement of Country |
| Previous Minutes March 2020 | That previous minutes be adopted: Moved: Yasmina Bonnet Seconded: Jim Warren |
| Coronavirus update – local businesses/ help offered to residents Yasmina Bonnet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID-19 operating restrictions have been particularly tough on our local businesses, with many being family-run restaurants and cafes. As CRAG support, Yasmina has created a comprehensive list of local businesses offering well-priced take-away meal options in addition essential services which is updated on a regular basis and sent to local community members • Community members are also being reminded on a regular that there is support available should they feel isolated, anxious or need help with food deliveries etc |
| Treasurer’s Report Jim Warren | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member’s funds, represented by cash at bank, at the end of March were \$3624.13 • Income for the month comprised bank interest of 32 cents. Expenditure, comprising catering costs in respect of the 2020 Vision Workshop, totalled \$107.44 • Year-to-date income is \$1074.05 and year-to-date expenditure is \$2291.44 |
| Barangaroo Update Katherine Bushnell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lendlease recently undertook consultation with residents for a modification to allow for permission to install a tower crane for the construction of the first residential tower for One Sydney Harbour on a Sunday • Since the consultation took place, a Ministerial Order was issued by the Hon Rob Stokes MP Minister for Planning and Public Spaces allowing construction to take place on Sundays and Public Holidays in response to Covid-19 • Lendlease plans to use this approval to complete the removal of the basement cranes and install a tower crane on the One Sydney Harbour site in May • Resident feedback was noted and the commencement timing has been altered from 7am to 8am. • The Sunday works are not expected to generate excessive noise - for safety reasons the final components - lifting the cabin and boom of the crane into its final position – must occur when the site is clear of all other workers. This is necessary to enable a safe exclusion zone to protect the safety of our workers. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP CRAG noted that there was noise from workers during a crane installation on the Metro job - Lendlease is to ensure this is part of the 'toolbox' talk in the morning. Additionally, MP CRAG will provide feedback following the installation. • Works are expected to take place across one weekend, weekends in order of preference, weather permitting - 23 / 24 May, 30 / 31 May, 13 / 14 June 2020 • From 3rd week in May, construction will start on the first One Sydney Harbour Tower – the hours of work are slightly amended as per the approved Development Application (DA) – 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 5pm Saturdays. • A notification will be issued to the local community advising the above next month • Crown has advised that it will be utilising Sundays for works on site, as per the Ministerial Order, and will comply with all conditions of consent. Hours of work on Sunday will be 7am to 5pm. (Lend Lease is the builder on the Crown casino building) |
| <p>Lend Lease Grant Application Heather Smith</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MP CRAG submitted for a community grant from Lend Lease as part of their annual community grant program. We thank Walsh Bay Precinct Association for partnering us on this grant application • The grant was to assist in four key areas – create a MP CRAG website; create a community sustainability plan; greening scoping objectives and a historic interpretation plan. • Heather co-ordinated the grant submission on behalf of CRAG with key input/ contribution by Anne Warr, Jim Warren, John Dunn, Margaret Bishop, Annie Crabb and Bernard Kelly |
| <p>Community Grants Anne Warr</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP CRAG will be applying for further grants in assist our community as they become available |
| <p>Fort Street Public school redevelopment John McInerney</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many concerns around our local primary school's redevelopment: it seems an overdevelopment on such a small historic site; when at capacity (550 students) the play area per child will be dramatically reduced; having one point of entry on Upper Fort Street for 550 students will lead to much traffic congestion at peak drop off/ pick times; the planned new school hall is only for 220 students whilst project numbers are for 550 students • Community members have grave safety concerns about the Sydney Harbour Bridge cycle way's temporary route during the two-three year construction period – 2,000 cyclists per day would be directed down Watson Rd and then Kent Street during the two-three year construction period |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP CRAG will include these community concerns in our submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure due 27th April 2020. • Alex Greenwich has been very supportive, contacting both the Minister of Education and Minister of Transport about the community key concerns |
| Council elections postpones John McInerney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the City of Sydney council elections have been postponed until September 2021 |
| Former Older Women's Building John McInerney | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed demolishing of current building on site, clearing of most vegetation on site, subdivision of site into two blocks and amalgamation of the existing laneway beside 64 Argyle Place into the western most block. • Key community concerns include close proximity to the many neighbouring surrounding this site; no indicative development with envelopes was submitted as part of the DA documents, as required; important state significant archaeology on site; the importance of retaining buildings from our community's past and restoring, instead of just demolishing – this building served as a baby centre as well as the older women's network building; and privatisation of the now public laneway (which contravenes City of Sydney's laneway policy to prohibit further laneway amalgamations). A possible use could be a café with garden or men's shed for our community; future significant privacy issues if new development was to take place. • Submissions due to City of Sydney 15th April 2020 • Anthony Bekker has contacted Alex Greenwich on his concerns • MP CRAG will submit an objection raising the said community concerns and cc Planning Minister Rob Stokes, Clover Moore and Alex Greenwich |
| Pier One DA Anne Warr | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier One's DA has been refused by council. The DA plans included not allowing the public to use the harbourside (public) walkway past the hotel at their liberty, in addition to more outdoor seating |
| Habourview Hotel John Dunn | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Harbourview Hotel's DA includes new operational hours (to midnight on Sunday) and increased capacity which was a concern to neighbouring properties • Submissions are due by 1st May 2020 |
| Update from City of Sydney Anne Diwell | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City of Sydney will be commencing a new Hotline to help those in the community in need of emotional support |

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| Adoption of 2020 Vision Planning Workshop Outcomes Bernard Kelly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Planning Workshop Outcomes report completed by Bernard Kelly was previously distributed to community members for review and comment • Following discussion, it was moved that the Planning Workshop Outcomes be accepted and used as a framework to plan key future initiatives for our community, how we want to improve our community and we can link our objectives into the City of Sydney’s plans for our area. Thank you, Bernard. |
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| OTHER BUSINESS | |
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| Dumping of rubbish on Kent Street Anne Crabb | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Crabb and fellow Kent Street residents have been very frustrated at the continuous dumping of rubbish from Airbnb properties on Kent Street footpath <p>With Airbnb letting dramatically dropping due to current travel restrictions, many owners are clearing/cleaning out their properties to make way for long-term tenants and dumping mattresses, furniture and general rubbish on the street with no respect for neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Anne Warr reported dumped rubbish on Kent Street which was promptly picked up but Annie Crabb had to report the dumped mattress to the City of Sydney twice before it was picked up.</p> <p>If residents notice that rubbish has been dumped, or that bins have been left out on the street for excessive periods of time, then please contact the City of Sydney hotline (ph 9265 9333 or online via the city website), which usually responds to such requests within 24 hours.</p> |
| Hello from London! Jo Marchese | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Marchese from Kent Street has recently moved to London to join her husband. She joined us via zoom and spoke of her family’s experience in London during coronavirus. It was lovely to have her join our meeting. She would like to stay in touch with the community and continue to be included in future zoom meetings |
| The Bond DA-Casino gaming training facility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Stuart Murray has recently returned from London. He noticed a DA was lodged for the ground floor of The Bond building, Hickson Road and has since found out it will be a gaming and hospitality training facility for the Crown Casino |

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| Meeting closed | 8.30 pm |
| Next Meeting | Tuesday 12th MAY 2020, 6.30pm, via ZOOM |
| Corrections to Minutes | Send corrections to: Yasmina Bonnet |

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| Items for next meeting's Agenda | Send agenda items to Anne Warr warr.anne@gmail.com |