

THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

Minutes of General Meeting
Tuesday 19th February 2013 at 7:00pm

Chair: Vivienne Scott

1. **Attendance: (Total =45)**

V Scott, A Scott, P Braithwaite, V McKendrick, R McKendrick, E Littlefield, L Littlefield, E Lyons, T Lyons, N Harvey, C Harvey, J Magri, I Lucas, G Thomas, R Slater, A Rowland, P Seisums, E Price, J McCabe, B Wilcox, H Ford, K Ford, N Gates, E Matus, D Crane, H Nayna, N Corrigan, A Dib, R Toner, P Equaibor, L Greenway, K Armstrong, D Jones, D May, M Pennings, G Pennings, H Geddes, D Kidd, L Vella, G Holland, J Calvert, S Brownlee, B Phillips, M Johnson, P Fitzgerald

1.1 The Chair, Vivienne Scott, welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance. Officers from WSC were also welcomed: Martin Johnson, Manager Sustainability WSC, and Brett Phillips, Manager Economic and Property Development

1.2 Attention was drawn to the upcoming General Meeting schedule:
Tuesday 19 March: AGM, How to lodge a service request with WSC: Bev Davis
Tuesday 16 April: Report on The Entrance Channel (TBC)
Tuesday 21 May: Mayor Doug Eaton (TBC)

1.3 Standing Orders were implemented for the Council Officers' Presentation

2. **Presentation on the WSC draft documents currently on public exhibition**

Draft Local Environment Plan (dLEP)
Draft Settlement Strategy (dSS)
Draft Control Plan (dCP)

- Exhibition time frame:
 - 24 April 2013 is the deadline for Council to adopt the draft documents
 - Material will remain on the website and Council will continue to receive submissions for 2 to 3 weeks beyond the closing date
- Settlement Strategy:
 - Provides direction for planning for the next 25 years
 - Takes into account the projected increase in population and the additional employment opportunities
 - 70K to 100K planned population increase for the Central Coast, with 10K planned for The Entrance – principally medium density
- Local Environment Plan (LEP):
 - Controls what you can do on your land
 - Draft document has incorporated recommendations of The Entrance and Long Jetty strategies, with two important exceptions:
 - North Entrance: development is highly constrained due to flooding, thus land has been down-zoned
 - Iconic sites: identified in order to stimulate growth and activity, thus the provision of specific controls for higher use than the zoning permits
- Flooding
 - Plans currently show 1 in 100 year event
 - Sea level rise, climate change and coastal erosion are still to be discussed by Council and will be reviewed before submission to NSW government
 - Certificate 149: flooding and coastal erosion are still yet to be included.

- Integrated Development in Killarney Vale and Long Jetty due to the larger blocks of land, thus allowing for increased density.
- Rezoning of Community Centre and Schools (NSW government requirement)
 - Under the new instrument these properties will need to adopt the zoning of their surrounding properties. Note, land use does not necessarily change.
 - WSC to discuss this with NSW government
- Reclassification of Land: Community to Operational
 - Written submissions to Council need to identify the land and its current usage and state why the land needs to remain classified as Community land.

Issues raised by those present

1. Inability of Council to provide the specific criteria used to determine whether or not properties were deemed to be surplus?
2. Uncertainty as to whether Council has used current or projected population and demographic data when considering open space requirements for the next 25 years and beyond?
3. Uncertainty as to the Glenvale school property at The Entrance North, now rezoned to low residential. Can the property be sold, given that it was bequeathed to the community?
4. Concern with the future of primary school and The Entrance Community Centre when rezoned to residential. Are these classified as community or operational lands?
5. Concern with proposed reclassification of 10 Lakeside Pde; The Entrance to operational land and identified to be surplus and zoned for medium residential – given the large increase in population proposed for The Entrance.
6. Failure of Council to consider the most appropriate way to consult and engage the community in providing feedback – 4 volumes, over 2000 pages, the majority of residents do not have a computer or internet.
7. Failure to use Precinct Committees to assist in identifying the main issues of interest to the Precincts' respective communities and presenting the information concisely, clearly and appropriately for target group.
8. Failure of workshop on reclassification of Council's properties to assist the community to identify properties that may be of interest to them in their Precinct. Rather, consultant referred residents to the availability of the volumes of documents on the table; a disc (not available at the meeting) and a website. Workshop at Bateau Bay had 2 consultants, 1 Council staff and 8 residents.
9. The almost simultaneous release of the survey on the rate variation and the draft of the LEP:S.S. and DCP have resulted in the community being confused. There is also a high level of distrust with Council, a lot of misinformation being circulated and considerable anger being expressed towards Council and Councillors.

Conclusion

The Chair thanked Martin and Brett for their attendance and for an informative discussion. She also complimented Council on the amount of work done by staff and Councillors.

While highlighting some of the serious issues raised during the meeting the Chair indicated that residents generally accepted the need for change and the prospect of more apartments and higher density of population, and hopefully, these would not result in decreasing the quality of life we now enjoy on The Entrance Peninsula.

General Business was cancelled due to the length of the presentation.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm

Next General Meeting is Tues 19 March 2013.