



HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW

Minutes for Approvals Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 1 September 2020 | 09:00 AM - 10:10 AM

Teleconference

ATTENDANCE	
MEMBERS	
Mr Dillon Kombumerri	Chair
Mr Ian Clarke	Deputy Chair
Mr Bruce Pettman	Member
Mr David Burdon	Member
Ms Caitlin Allen	Member
Mr Niall Macken	Member
Mr David McNamara	Alternate Member
Ms Ingrid Mather	Observer
APOLOGIES	
Dr Nicholas Brunton	Member
HERITAGE NSW STAFF	
Mr Tim Smith	Director Heritage Operations
Mr Steven Meredith	Regional Manager, Southern Region.
Mr Rajeev Maini	Senior Team Leader, South Regional Heritage Assessments (item 3.1)
Ms Natasha Agaki	Senior Secretariat Officer

1.0 Welcome and formalities

The Chair, Mr Dillon Kombumerri, opened the meeting at 9:00am, delivered an Acknowledgment of Country and welcomed attendees.

Apologies were accepted from Dr Nicholas Brunton and it was noted that quorum had been met.

1.1 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members were asked to raise any conflicts of interest with items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

1.2 Out of Session Decisions - Hyde Park Lighting Upgrade

Bruce Pettman and Ingrid Mather provided an updated on the evening site inspection of the Hyde Park test lighting with the City of Sydney Council and GML consultants.

- Discussed the positive results of the opalescent spheres and the impact of additional lighting along the main walkway from a landscape design perspective.
- Noted that the hierarchy of lighting that has been proposed will help with the spatial qualities of Hyde Park.

Resolution 2020-41 – decision made out of session on 19 August 2020.

The Heritage Council of NSW Approvals Committee discussed the proposed Hyde Park Lighting Upgrade Project at its meeting held on 4 August 2020. As part of the Pre-lodgement advice, the Heritage Council Approvals Committee resolved to:

1. **Note** the supporting documentation and the applicant's presentation.
2. **Note** the information in the paper, in particular:
 - a. The lighting upgrade would impact the aesthetic values associated with the item.
 - b. The proposal takes into consideration several options for light spheres and makes a distinction on the various illumination aesthetics that arise from the different options.
 - c. The City of Sydney Council staff provided additional comments issued by the Council's Advisory Committee at the Heritage Council Approvals Committee Meeting.
3. **Provide** the following comments to the applicant:
 - a. The Committee supports the lighting upgrade works to Hyde Park.
 - b. The replacement aluminium poles are considered acceptable.
 - c. It is important to strongly acknowledge the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of Hyde Park.
 - d. Engage more broadly with the wider Aboriginal community including the City of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.
 - e. Consider interpretation that acknowledges pre and post-contact history.
 - f. Suggest engaging an Aboriginal artist to help develop a stronger connection to Country on this project.
 - g. Representatives of the Approvals Committee can be made available to have an out of session discussion with the applicant to help progress the design development.

- h. Note that if the proposal impacts Busby's Bore, a separate s60 application would be required.

Following the meeting, members of the Heritage Council Approvals Committee undertook an inspection on the 11th of August 2020 with representatives of the City of Sydney and their lighting consultants. Following the inspection, the committee provided the following additional comments.

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee:

1. **Agrees:**

- a. With the views of the City of Sydney Council's team that the most appropriate form of lighting is the Opalescent Globe.
- b. The prototypes installed at Hyde Park illustrate that the light from Opalescent Globe is considerably softer, warmer and avoids the harsh shadow effects of the clear globes.
- c. That the use of Opalescent Globes along the secondary paths and additional down lights from the poles would be considered acceptable.
- d. That the light grey colour of the existing poles is preferable to the darker test pole colour scheme.

Moved by Mr Bruce Pettman and seconded by Mr Ian Clarke.

1.3 Minutes from Previous Meeting - 4 August 2020

The Committee received the Minutes Unconfirmed from the previous ordinary meeting.

Resolution 2020-42

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee confirmed the minutes of the previous ordinary meeting (Tuesday, 4 August 2020) as a complete and accurate record of that meeting, subject to minor wording amendments within resolutions for item 2.2 Sydney Supreme Court House and item 6.1 Millers Point Principles.

Moved by Mr Ian Clarke and seconded by Mr Niall Macken.

1.4 Action Report

The Committee noted the monthly Action report and briefly discussed:

- Compliance work being done within Heritage NSW including through the HMS database, the Grants Team and the Heritage Council Grants Committee, which will inform the development of a formalised auditing program moving forward.
- External messaging to be developed around the public auditing process.

- Grants and Section 60 compliance issues raised around Albion Hotel, Braidwood, through the audit process to be presented to the Committee in November.

2.0 Chair / Member Updates

Dillon Kombumerri, Chair, provided a brief update on 2A Gregory Place, Harris Park. Members noted that the proponent has been invited to return to an upcoming Approvals Committee meeting, following two out of session workshops held with the Chair and Deputy Chair to discuss the Committee’s advice in depth.

The Chair left the meeting at 9:45am. Ian Clarke chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3.0 Legislation, Policy and Administrative Matters

3.1 Millers Point Heritage principles - Community Consultation Update

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee received a paper and verbal report from Mr Rajeev Maini and briefly discussed:

- The slight delay to the commencement of the community consultation process and support for the amended two-stage approach to consultation.
- Meetings to be held between South Heritage Assessments, Customer Strategies and Specialist Services teams on the community consultation process – outcomes to be included the next update to the Committee.
- The importance of producing a document that inspires the community to conserve heritage and how this might be achieved through language and illustration.
- The inherent conflict between public and private rights within heritage management and how to communicate this to encourage greater understanding and acceptance of heritage conservation.
- Strong and well communicated principles will help to combat the issue of reactive response to problematic development.
- Consultation that has occurred with New York heritage specialists and other comparable international examples.
- Examples of work being done within English Heritage and Historic Scotland linking heritage with social value, health and wellbeing.
- How the newly launched social media platforms for Heritage NSW, Heritage Council and ACHAC can be used to communicate this messaging.

Noted
The Heritage Council Approvals Committee noted the report and encourage HNSW to communicate public benefits of Heritage.

4.0 General Business

4.1 Action 2020-08-04-04 - Christ Church Cathedral - Letter with additional comments on proposal (Draft)

The Committee noted the draft letter to the proponent of Christchurch Cathedral, Newcastle and briefly discussed:

- The importance of a permeable, inclusive and visually appealing forecourt that provides ease of movement and issues around the café location and levelling throughout the site.
- Further design advice to be discussed at a future workshop with the proponent.

4.2 Forward agenda

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee noted forward agenda and briefly discussed:

- Major development projects in the Central Precinct and Redfern North Eveleigh Precinct.
- The MLC Building proposal.

5.0 Meeting Close

There being no items of further business, Mr Ian Clarke, Deputy Chair, closed the meeting at 10:10am.



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Mr Dillon Kombumerri
Chair, Heritage Council Approvals Committee
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