

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 05/ 07

DATE: Monday, 5th. November 2007

TIME: 6.00 pm

LOCATION: Ryde Civic Centre – Room 2 Level 5

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS

Councillor Ivan Petch – Mayor - **Chair**
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Perram
Representing City of Ryde

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Jennifer Noble
Representing Brush Farm Historical Society
Mr Peter Bardos
Representing West Ryde–Meadowbank Progress
Association
Mr Greg Blaxell
Community Representative
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative

COUNCIL STAFF

Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environment and Planning
Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager – Urban Planning – City of Ryde
Ms Kate Higgins
Senior Strategic Planner– City of Ryde
Mr Garry Stanley
Heritage Advisor – City of Ryde

MIN NO. 01 Apologies

Councillor Nicole Campbell
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Vic Tagg
Representing City of Ryde
Councillor Terry Ryan
Representing City of Ryde
Mr. John Hull
Representing Friends of the Hermitage
Pat Sullivan
Representing the Denistone Heritage and Environment
Group.

Jennifer Minifie

Representing the National Trust and the Hunters Hill
Flora and Fauna Preservation Society.

Council staff

Angela Phippen

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 04/ 07

The minutes of the meeting 04/07 were adopted.

MIN NO. 03 Heritage Fund – consideration of additional applications

Two additional applications were received by Council from owners of listed properties. Copies of the submissions were distributed to members with an updated summary sheet, indicating that the total value will now be \$14,955.

Garry has had discussions with three of the successful applicants to agree on details of their proposed work including materials and colours before they proceed.

The applicant at 30 Miriam Rd. Denistone has completed their work, which will be inspected before payment is recommended.

MIN NO. 04 Brush Farm Park Draft Plan of Management.

Concerns were raised regarding the process of consultation with stakeholders and people / organisations that made a submission on the Draft Plan of Management including:

- Why two separate meetings were held splitting Bush Care and Heritage held on 31 October 2007
- HAC members were not informed of the meeting.

A rescheduled second meeting will be held by a facilitator, and Council staff will ensure all HAC members are notified.

Council staff will also advise HAC when the matter is being reported to Council.

The Committee's concerns are;

a) The content of the Draft Plan

- history section not correct

- acknowledges the terraces as existing archaeological elements,

- ensures the protection of the view cone from Brush Farm House, and

- correctly categorises the Park's vegetation.

b) The Brush Farm Park Plan of Management Sub committee of the Heritage Advisory Committee view all submissions received on the Draft Plan.

c) The Brush Farm Park Plan of Management Sub committee review and comment on the Draft Plan of Management prior to it being reported to Council for public exhibition.

MIN NO. 05 Brush Farm House

Landscape update:

The landscape concept plan prepared by Geoffrey Britton has been approved as a Development Application. Council advertised for a

consultant landscape architect in July 2007, to prepare detailed design and construction documentation for the landscape work. Four consultant teams responded, and each was considered to have equal experience and capabilities. Taylor Braemer landscape architects were appointed on their experience and favourable professional fee. The project is being managed by Jeff Deardon of Council's Property section, and the documentation is programmed to be completed by the end of January 2008.

Two co-ordination meetings have been held to date, the first on the 12th. October 2007 and the third will be held on the 13th. November 2007. The Committee requested that the consultant present their proposed design to the next HAC meeting.

Councilor Perram requested that a footpath on the northern side of Lawson St. be included in the proposal.

Future uses update:

Paul Graham has advised that:

Brush Farm Historical Society and City of Ryde have signed an agreement for the Society to have access to rooms G12 and G13 plus the Hall for up to 11 standard meetings per year.

Department of Corrective Services have moved into the house.

Furniture and fit out for its use as a community facility continues to progress.

As previously advised, Tonkin Zulaikha Greer Architects are looking at possibilities for gallery set ups.

Brush Farm House Tours.

Greg Blaxell reported that a number of successful tours have taken place. However the general comment from people on the tours was that the house was soul less, and needs a use.

Interpretation;

Council is applying for funds through the "NSW Heritage Grants 2008-2009 Interpretation" programme for further implementation of the Interpretive Plan which has just been adopted by Council.

MIN NO. 06 General Business

Membership of Committees:

Letters were sent to Eastwood Community Association and Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Group. We have been advised that Jennifer Minifie will also represent the Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Group.

Macquarie University:

Greg Blaxell reported that the cataloguing and exhibition work by Macquarie University students has been completed. The work is considered excellent at Masters Degree level. All collections have been digitised and school groups will have access as units for Local History requirements. The exhibition panels are complete .

Greg was thanked for his excellent work.

Willandra:

It was noted that the fence has been damaged, Sue Weatherly said that they are reviewed from time to time including review of strategic plan for facilities.

Hermitage:

Sue Weatherly reported that there is now only one owner of this property. The House has to be conserved before any work commences on the development. The owner has been advised by Council of the possibility of funds for conservation work, from the "NSW Heritage Grants 2008-2009 Works" programme, and a copy of the application form has been sent to him.

Eastwood Steeple:

Sue Weatherly stated that owners were willing to give the structure to Council, however there were no plans to receive it as there was no place suitable and the structure would lose its heritage significance in a different context.

MIN NO. 07 REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

West Ryde Development:

Peter Bardos, asked about development at 2 Ryedale Road, opposite the West Ryde Heritage Conservation Area. Sue advised that this is a Major Project being assessed by the Department of Planning, however the City of Ryde have provided comment on the proposed scheme. The application can be viewed on Council's website. / Building & Development / Major Development Updates.

Meadowbank Development

The industrial building on the corner of Rothesay Ave. and Belmore St. which could have conversion opportunities is not a heritage item.

Denistone Character Area;

The Draft DCP was reported to Council on the 6th. November 2007 and will be publicly exhibited on 21 November 2007 to 21 December 2007.

MIN NO. 8 Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 December 2007 at 6.00pm at Brush Farm House.

Meeting Closed: 8.05pm