

RYDE HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 06/ 07

DATE: Wednesday 12th. December 2007

TIME: 6.10 pm

LOCATION: Carpenter Room, First Floor, Brush Farm House

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 Greg Blaxell
Community Representative
Ms Margarita Grunberg
Representing Putney District Progress Association
Mr. Kevin Shaw
Ryde District Historical Society
Mr Peter Mitchell
Community Representative
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.
Eleanor Chaine
Community Representative

OTHERS

Beverley McClymont
Brush Farm Historical Society

COUNCIL STAFF

Ms Sue Weatherley
Group Manager – Environment and Planning
Ms Meryl Bishop
Manager – Urban Planning – City of Ryde
Mr. Kim Woodbury
Group Manager – Public Works
Mr. Jeff Dearden
Project Manager - Buildings

Mr Garry Stanley
Heritage Advisor – City of Ryde

CONSULTANTS TO COUNCIL,
Matthew Taylor
Kate Denny
Taylor Brammer - Landscape Architects

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
Community representative
Peter Bardos
Council staff
Angela Phippen

MIN NO. 02 Consideration and adoption of Minutes 05/ 07

The minutes of the meeting 05/07 were adopted.

MIN NO. 03 Brush Farm House Curtilage and Surrounds presentation by Taylor Brammer, Landscape architects.

Kim Woodbury introduced Matthew Taylor, landscape architect. An outline and background of the draft landscape plan was presented as part of Taylor Brammer's consultation with stakeholders before public exhibition.

Major differences between the draft plan and the Britten Plan were highlighted. The differences are based on more accurate survey information and detailed site assessment, by the consultants since the Britten report was prepared in May 2005. The main differences being:

- Informal landscape character of the view line to the south west.
- Reinstatement of two Aracurias only.
- Larger circular driveway.
- Five parking spaces adjacent to eastern end of house.

Details of the Britten plan included in the draft plan:

- Inclusion of hedge screens to carpark
- Inclusion of bamboo screens.
- Provision of rich mix of Victorian plants adjacent to house.
- Post and rail fence on Lawson St. boundary.
- Lapped timber fence to Marsden Rd. boundary.

Other details of the draft plan which were explained included:

- Use of bonded gravel surfaces to paths and circular driveway.
- Raised steel edge to gravel paths.

- Textured brick paving to courtyard for flexible commercial use.
- Proposal to retain mature paperbark and lillypilly trees on south eastern side of house to assist screening of adjacent land use.
- The removal of brick entry walls to DCC.
- Accurate location and dimensions of cistern.
- Relocation of timber shed.

Taylor Brammer will prepare a separate report on the choice of paving material.

Issues raised by the Committee members and attendees:

- Jenny Noble and Greg Blaxell were concerned about the appropriateness of the bonded gravel pathways, the location of the five car spaces, and detail management of the bushland including the retention of exotic trees.
- Beverley McClymont expressed concern about the use of harsh brick paving on the sunny, courtyard side of the house, and suggested an alternate paving type be explored and the creation of gardens, e.g. picnic and vegetable gardens to soften the area.
- Councillor Perram requested that the plan consider a footpath on Lawson St. and that the style, materials and colour of pathway be considered.

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Comments from the HAC were forwarded to Jeff Dearden

MIN NO. 04 Heritage Fund – consideration of three completed works

Garry Stanley reported that three of the eight applicants for the fund have completed their work and payments have been authorised. The attached sheet details the works and payments made.

MIN. NO. 05 Heritage Week 5th. – 20th. April 2008

Two events have been identified and the National Trust have been notified for inclusion in their February 08 magazine.

- Open day at Ryde Village on the 5th. April 08,
Walking tour 1: Precinct near St. Annes Church
Walking tour 2: Victoria Rd, including Willandra and Addington
- Open day at Brush Farm House on the 12th. April 08,
Brush farm House, and Brush Farm Park.

MIN. NO. 06 Ryde Heritage Walk, brochure

A draft of the first of the heritage walks for Ryde was tabled. The walk is proposed to link the Parramatta River cycleway with the Village of Ryde. Details and map are attached. Further work will be undertaken on issues such as routes, times etc.

MIN NO. 07 Putney Park, relocation of gates

It was suggested that the gates in Meadowbank Park be considered for relocation to what has been assumed to be their original position in Putney Park. Further investigation work will be undertaken and reported to the Committee.

MIN NO 08 Community representatives

The Hermitage:

John Hull expressed his concerns for:

- The proposal to add additional units to that of the approved DA.
- The lack of a tenant on the site.
- Demolition by neglect.

Councillor Ivan Petch (Mayor – chair) stated that the Hermitage must be restored before work can commence on the residential development.

Sue Weatherly stated that Council's overall objective is to retain and restore the Hermitage. Council will contact the Heritage Office regarding an update on the property.

Denistone Character Area:

Pat Sullivan reported that the Character Area Study is on public exhibition until 21.12.07. The area will have a number of controls, that recognise that the area will evolve gradually but remain sympathetic to the existing character of the area. A survey of residents has indicated an understanding of the controls and high support. The survey will be submitted to Council as part of the exhibition process.

MIN NO. 09 General business

Brush Farm House Future Uses:

Meryl Bishop reported on behalf of Paul Graham that;

- Three rooms will be dedicated gallery spaces; Blaxland, Bride and Petit, and Wallumetta with a focus on providing for local artists and community groups.
- Venue hire, function centre focusing on corporate businesses in the area.
- Possibility of wedding venue dependent on construction of marquee at rear and construction of landscape.

Brush Farm / Lambert Parks Draft Plan of Management:

Information was distributed to the relevant members of the Committee on the outcomes of the consultation held on the Plans of Management.

Masonic Hall Eastwood:

Councillor Perram reported that the Masonic Hall, 186 Rowe St. Eastwood, Heritage item no. 106, has been given conditional approval for demolition based on a replacement space is to be provided in the new development. Therefore avoiding the loss of another hall in the area.

Macquarie University:

Greg Blaxell indicated the successful completion of the panels project by the University students and referred to the panel mounted in the meeting room: "Carpenter Room".

Development Applications:

Jenny Noble expressed concern about comment on Development Applications in adjacent Parramatta LGA, in the vicinity of heritage items and Conservation areas in the City of Ryde. The committee recommended that Council officers review the report and development application and comment. Additional correspondence may be required to be sent to Parramatta Council.

MIN NO.10 Next Meeting: Wednesday 20 February 2008 at 6PM
Northern Suburbs Crematorium
Delhi Rd. North Ryde

Tour of site at 5 PM, by Mr. Tom Sweeney
Ph. 1300 796 749

Meeting Closed: 8.20 pm