

Council meeting Aug 22, 2022 –

A motion was proposed as follows but was defeated by council vote:

Motion

Preparation of a Conservation Management Strategy for the State Heritage Listed site and a Heritage Impact Statement for the project.

Defers progression of the approval process for the proposed Youth Facility until the new Conservation Master Plan (CMP) is developed for the entire State Heritage Register (SHR) listed Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park area, including Sir David Martin Reserve. B.

Works closely with the City of Sydney Council and the relevant foreshore authorities to develop a coordinated approach to the development of a site-wide CMP. C. Ensures that the CMP is informed by the overarching goal of respecting, restoring and maintaining the unique heritage values of the SHR listed Parks and Reserves. D. Explores, in the course of developing the CMP, alternative options for the location of the Youth Facility both within the SHR listed Parks and Reserve areas and in other locations.

MOTION DEFEATED

Comments at meeting:

Most councillors spoke and each one had the same comments:

The late correspondence from the residents was mostly rude and offensive to council and not once mentioned another possible location for the skate park. In particular, Clr Toni Zeltzer was extremely outspoken against the community expressing her utter dislike at the old people in the area. Particularly page 38 of the late corro mentioning paedophile danger.

The issue is taking on another facet and we need to look at producing a new Master plan for the area in the whole of Woollahra.

Following the article in the Wentworth Courier of last Tuesday mentioning the 10 year fight by a bunch of privileged youths to get a skatepark in their park and criticising the community calling them Nymbys, seems to have taken on a different response to the facility.

Cost and discussion of different location:

The cost of \$1.2-\$1.8 million was not discussed. Council has already spent over \$500,000 in commissioning studies. To get through the Section 60 of the Heritage Act any expenditure must not exceed \$150,000. How Council plans to make a bigger hole in the Heritage Act was not mentioned at the meeting, nor was the selection of another area for the facility In the whole of Woollahra.

Dislike the residents opinion and attitude

Council demonstrated they don't care or even object to what are the residents feelings

.... And critical of late corro to the point of calling it offensive and rude

Everybody needs a recreation facility next (Nicola Grieve)

Grieve: everybody wants a skatepark

DPS: What would happen if another site is selected and the residents oppose it

DPS ; Application S60 max expense \$150k not discussed how are they going to turn this legal point to \$1.8m? are the Oxleys paying for it?

DPS ; Not once discussed another area

Interterminal equity?

Conclusion: late corro has made the issue worse because it is so rude, and critical of council.

Swan called me around 9.30 pm to say:

She has stood by us and opposed the YRF but after this meeting and the late corro she thinks that the DPS will lose any credibility and respect and it is up to me to restore the image of the Society.