

## Resolution of Council

**19 August 2019**

### Item 12.11

#### Hugo Street Masterplan

Moved by Councillor Phelps, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Redfern's history and contribution to the uniqueness of the City of Sydney LGA;
  - (a) it is an important historical and political centre, a place of many stories and is an urban centre for not just Aboriginal Australians, but also students, visitors and long-time residents; and
  - (b) ongoing developments in Redfern, including the Redfern station upgrade, the growth of the University of Sydney and redevelopment of The Block, reflect the changing character and demographics of the area;
- (ii) Hugo Street Reserve, and the surrounding area, has the potential to become a public place of inclusion and engagement. However, it currently is a source of community disharmony and discontent because of the lack of maintenance of the green space, and a basketball court which is not compliant with the NSW Office for Sports guidelines as it is too close to homes, causing disturbance to residents in adjoining homes;
  - (a) The Hugo St Reserve Residents' Proposal, details a concept for future use of this open space; and
- (iii) the City received a petition on 11 November 2016 and another petition to be tabled on the 19 August 2019 from these residents requesting that Yellomundee Park be converted into an off-leash dog park; and

(B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:

- (i) create a masterplan for the Hugo Street Reserve area, covering Yellomundee Park and the Hugo Street Reserve, which incorporates:
    - (a) the needs of current and future residents as outlined in the Residents' Proposal;
    - (a) considering the location of the basketball courts;
    - (b) creating a new off-leash dog park at Yellomundee Park; and
    - (c) consideration of a new traffic management plan for the area; and
  - (ii) prepare a report to be presented to Council detailing the findings of the investigation and a draft masterplan for the Hugo Street Reserve and Yellomundee Park.
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Note – the motion above was not carried. The resolution below was carried.

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) ongoing developments in Redfern and Waterloo, including the Redfern station upgrade, the growth of the University of Sydney, Pemulwuy, and the redevelopment of The Block;
- (ii) the Chief Executive Officer met with Hugo Street residents last month on behalf of the Lord Mayor, to discuss their concept proposal for Hugo Street Reserve and their concerns about noise associated with the basketball court;
- (iii) the Chief Executive Officer spoke about the City of Sydney's intention to create a Masterplan for Redfern and Waterloo;
- (iv) the location of the basketball court will be considered as part of this process;
- (v) City of Sydney staff are scheduled to develop on a Public Domain Plan for Redfern and Waterloo in March 2020 including space for public art, and Hugo Street residents have been informed of these plans;
- (vi) this will consider improvements for:
  - (a) Hugo Street Reserve;
  - (a) Yellomundee Park that will take into account residents' requests for an off-leash park;
  - (b) Redfern Terrace open space;
  - (c) Pemulwuy Park;
  - (d) Footpath upgrades along Caroline Street; and
  - (e) Lawson Street cycleway and footpath;

- (vii) residents' concept proposal for Hugo Street Reserve will be considered as part of that work;
- (viii) the 'practice' basketball court in Hugo Street Reserve has existed for over thirty years;
- (ix) it is used by young people from the Redfern Community Centre and people living in nearby student accommodation;
- (x) the court is locked between 9pm and 9am each day and, in response to resident requests, City of Sydney staff have installed new backboards and hoops which are designed to reduce noise impacts;
- (xi) staff are looking at further options to improve residents' amenity, and will look at whether re-surfacing the court can reduce noise any further;
- (xii) any park upgrades and traffic management planning for the area, will need to align with the Pemulwuy project, which is anticipated to bring an additional sixty-two households into the Aboriginal Affordable Housing Precinct and up to six hundred students into the area, increasing the need for active recreation;
- (xiii) there may be an opportunity for local residents to share recreational facilities that will be built on the Pemulwuy site;
- (xiv) the Aboriginal Housing Company anticipates people will move in to the Aboriginal Affordable Housing precinct by the end of 2020, and the rest of the site is scheduled for completion by December 2022;
- (xv) the City will work with residents during the future consultation period on the design scope for Hugo Street Reserve; and
- (xvi) the City will develop a traffic management plan for the area when the Pemulwuy site is completed, and the impacts of traffic are realised.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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