

Item 13.2

Notices of Motion

Community Consultation on Woolloomooloo Playground

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Woolloomooloo Playground is located adjacent to Dowling Street and Pring Street, Woolloomooloo;
- (ii) the Playground has been identified for renewal as part of the Stage 15 small parks and playgrounds improvement program;
- (iii) the project brief is to refurbish the playground area, replace end of life equipment and soft fall, provide a range of play experiences for children of different ages and abilities, and improve accessibility and circulation into and through the playground, as well as provide additional seating to the playground and associated landscape improvements. Opportunities have also been identified to remove walls and other visual barriers to create a more open and welcoming environment;
- (iv) draft concept plans were presented to the community between 20 July and 24 August 2020 and were exhibited on the City's website;
- (v) works on the Playground are set to take place in less than two weeks;
- (vi) residents and resident action groups have highlighted their concerns about the lack of consultation and notification that took place regarding the proposed changes/upgrades to the Woolloomooloo Playground Area, and the time that has elapsed since the consultation;
- (vii) although the upgrades are welcomed by the community however, as beneficiaries and the most knowledgeable about the parks needs, they request to have further input into the upgrades;
- (viii) the Lord Mayor recently held a Community Housing Forum on 8 November 2022, at which residents raised this matter; and
- (ix) City of Sydney staff have organised a community meeting to receive further input into the design and upgrades to be included in the development; and

- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) continue the process of engaging with the community to pursue their input on the changes and upgrades to be included in the development before commencing the project; and
 - (ii) update Councillors via the CEO Update, about how the community's feedback has been integrated into the development.

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