

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2022

- Present: Councillor K Wheatley (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor S Lennon (Deputy Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Mr Chris Bluett – Community Member
- Staff Present: Manager Urban & Heritage Planning (Antony Fabbro)
Team Leader Urban Planning (Craig Wyse)
Heritage Specialist Planner (Claudine Loffi)
- Others Present: Mayor J Pettett - Ku-ring-gai Council
- Apologies: Mr Michael Gunn – Australian Institute of Architects

The Meeting commenced at 12:00 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No pecuniary interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/10

Meeting held 28 July 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That Minutes of 28 July 2022 were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Measuring inter-war housing in Ku-ring-gai

File: S07987

Vide: GB.1

The Committee discussed the issues and possible references including the Sydney Water Board maps, historical aerials on Six Maps, the National Trust publication on inter-war housing (for comparisons mostly in other council areas) and the index of three historical journals. Copies of the indexes would be provided after the meeting.

The Committee noted that past Court decisions acknowledge the limited resources of councils for heritage studies or comparative analysis, but that a strategy or steps towards commencing the work can demonstrate Council's commitment.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee provided comments on this matter.

Her-story update - Improving listed place inventories

File: S13598

Vide: GB.2

The Committee discussed these matters and the draft Rippon Grange inventory. It was recommended that the inventory history is expanded to include the court case and considerable community involvement to oppose the seniors housing development that was rejected by the Court.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee noted and received this report and provided comments.

Heritage Act NSW

File: S10066

Vide: C.1

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government*

(General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General Manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in section 10A(2)(e), of the Act, and should be dealt with in a part of the meeting closed to the public.

Section 10A(2)(e) of the Act permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to information that would, if disclosed prejudice the maintenance of law.

This matter is classified confidential under section 10A(2)(e) because it

It is not in the public interest to release this information as it would prejudice the maintenance of law.

The Committee discussed the integrity of the interiors, furnishings and garden, and the rarity of intact inter-war buildings and interiors. The committee also discussed the criteria for an interim heritage order of potential significance and threat, the recent sale and development history of the property, the process by which these potential heritage places are identified, due diligence of owners, and the next steps if an order is made.

After discussion, a vote was held with 4 members in favour of the recommendation and 2 members against.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Heritage Reference Committee recommends that Council use its delegation under the Heritage Act 1977 to make an interim heritage order for the property identified in this report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

The Meeting closed at 1:36PM