

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2023

Present: Councillor K Wheatley (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor S Lennon (Deputy Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Mr Michael Gunn – Australian Institute of Architects
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Mr Chris Bluett- Community Member

Staff Present: Team Leader Urban Planning (Craig Wyse)
Heritage Specialist Planner (Claudine Loffi)

Others Present: Councillor A Taylor- Ku-ring-gai Council

Apologies: Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Manager Urban & Heritage Planning (Antony Fabbro)

The Meeting commenced at 12:00 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/11

Meeting held 16 February 2023.

Minutes previously circulated and adopted by email were noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Community issue: Mimicry in development

File: CY00413/11

Vide: GB.1

The Development Control Plan provisions were discussed, including the use, interpretation and limitations of these controls. The variety of development issues were discussed, including bulk and scale, development details, faux heritage or negative replication, positive replication, and development in the vicinity of conservation areas. A member's notes will be supplied to staff separately.

Members sought further details on the particular community issue from Councillor Taylor and discussed this matter. Feedback from the development and regulation team was also discussed on Council's wider experience with mimicry or related issues and the operation of the development controls in this regard.

The Committee discussed Council's development assessment process that evaluates proposed development on its merit, including modifications, and the degree of scrutiny involved to achieve acceptable heritage impacts. The impact of the exempt and complying codes SEPP was also noted, where Council's controls and assessment do not apply.

RESOLVED

The Committee received and noted this report. The Committee considers that the existing development controls and development assessment process have sufficient capacity to manage the issue of mimicry.

Updates on heritage assessments and listings in progress

File: CY00413/11

Vide: GB.2

The Committee discussed these matters, including the listing status of the subject sites, the planning background to the projects, some features or potential uses at these sites, and the next stages for these projects.

RESOLVED

The Committee received, noted and provided comments on these updates.

Completed heritage home grants presentation

File: S11080

Vide: GB.3

The Committee discussed and commended the completed works, the updated presentation and grants webpage with some graphics from the presentation. The Committee discussed further opportunities to promote the invitation for grants applications.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received, noted and commented on the completed grants presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee's request to inspect Tulkiyan has been referred to Council's events team to arrange.

Council staff will follow up the owner's offer for the Committee to inspect 57 Finlay Road, Warrawee.

The Meeting closed at 1:00pm.