

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN REGION
JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL
HELD AT WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL ON
THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2012 AT 3.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Pam Allan	Chair
Alison McCabe	Panel Member
Allen Grimwood	Panel Member
Tim McCarthy (Item 1 only)	Panel Member
David Winterbottom (Item 2 only)	Panel Member
John Dorahy (Item 2 only)	Panel Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Andrew Carfield	Director Planning + Environment
Mark Riordan	Manager City Planning
Pier Panozzo	City Centre + Major Development Manager
Theresa Whittaker	Senior Development Project Officer
Jeff Mead	Consultant Planning Ingenuity
Joel Thompson	Strategic Project Officer – Heritage
Zoran Popovic	Heritage Consultant

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The chair acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land.

2. Declarations of Interest -

Councillor Dorahy declared an interest in Item 1 due to his role as a Councillor with Wollongong City Council who have adopted the development plans. David Winterbottom also declared an interest in Item 1 due to his community interest in the proposal. Both refrained from discussion and voting and departed the room.

3 Confirmation of Minutes -

Nil

4 Business Item

ITEM 1 – 2011STH012 Wollongong City Council DA-2011/437 – Proposed Upgrade to Crown Street Mall, Wollongong

This matter was previously discussed by JRPP at its meeting of 5 August 2011.

Independent planning consultant Jeff Mead gave an updated overview of the proposed upgrade of works. A Public Information session has been held and the matter went before Council on 12 December 2011. Part of that resolution from Council reads that the design for the Crown Street Mall refurbishment, prepared by the Government Architect's Office, be adopted and that the Joint Regional Planning Panel be requested to determine the current development application.

5. Public Submissions

- Sharon Cousins addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Felix Bronneberg addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- John Riggall addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- W Fickers addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Ingrid Wohl addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Jim McDonogh addressed the Panel **against** the proposal

Andrew Carfield advised that the final detail of a plan for the Mall is still being looked at however; Council is to revisit a number of matters including the type of trees proposed. Residents can write to the Councillors and state their issues.

6. Business Item Recommendations

Moved by A McCabe, Seconded by A Grimwood that DA 2011/437 (DA 2011STH012) be approved subject to the removal of Condition 11 in relation to landscape compliance.

7. ***ITEM 2 – 2011STH016 Wollongong City Council DA-2011/718 – Demolition of existing structures and construction of residential flat building Lot A DP 415263, Lot B DP 415263 and Lot 2 DP 331687 32-34 Church Street, Wollongong.***

Councillor Dorahy and David Winterbottom attended the meeting.

This matter was previously discussed by JRPP at its meeting 2 December 2011 and was deferred to enable assessment of the heritage significance.

The site is not heritage listed however the property contains archaeological foundations of a very early Illawarra residence “Bustle Hall”.

8. Public Submissions

- Ann James addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Chris Wilkins addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Bill Wilkins addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Robert Brannon addressed the Panel **against** the proposal
- Robert Parsons on behalf of Gail Goldie addressed the Panel **against** the proposal

Moved by D Winterbottom, Seconded by A Grimwood that the time be extended during Bill Wilkins’s submission.

Moved by D Winterbottom, Seconded by Councillor Dorahy that the time be extended during Robert Brannon’s submission.

Council Officer Joel Thompson advised that the NSW Heritage Inventory is not up to date. The listing for No 32 Church Street was removed from the Local Environmental Plan as it

was recognized that an error had been made, however it was not removed from the heritage listing.

9. Business Item Recommendations

Moved by A Grimwood, Seconded by Councillor Dorahy that -

- 1 The Panel defer the application to enable a further independent comprehensive assessment to assess the heritage significance of No. 34 Church Street and its gardens.
- 2 The archaeological remains of Bustle Hall be listed in the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan.
- 3 Council pursue grant funding to update the 1991 community heritage study that considers nominations for assessment of additional buildings and places.

MOTION CARRIED. NOTE: A McCabe was against the Motion.

The meeting concluded at 4.35 pm

Endorsed by



Pam Allan
Chair
Southern Region Joint Regional Planning Panel
Date: 7 March 2012