

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC

Monday 27 October 2008 @ 7.30pm @ Blue Gum Lounge, Hackett

Present - Jochen Zeil (Deputy Chair), Geoff Willans (Treasurer), Richard Larson, Bruce Smith (Secretary)

Apologies - Miles Boak

Agenda item	Discussion	Action	Person responsible
1. Minutes accepted			
2. Broadening base of support for NCCC	<p>Options for extending the base of support for and participation in NCCC were discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided that the constitution did not allow for corporate membership, and that individual memberships would need to be encouraged • It was decided that we needed to hold a special meeting of all the associations in North Canberra to seek their active support. • Associations could include: See-change; FoMM; C4C; Pialligo; O'Connor; Turner; Campbell; Hackett; Downer; Watson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send email to Nth Canberra organisations inviting them 	Geoff to draft, Jochen to send
3. NCCC website	<p>It was agreed that development of a new website for NCCC should be a priority. This would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a better way of informing Nth Canberra residents of activities • Be something that NCCC can offer to local community associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact web administrator for Gungahlin Community Council to see if they could do something like the GCCC for us • Hold special meeting to discuss asap • Develop list of requirements of NCCC so that discussion would be as focussed as possible 	Bruce (all)
4. Funding for Community Garden in Hackett	<p>The sponsors of an organic community garden in Hackett have approached NCCC for \$2,500 funding for consultations and development of a proposal for the garden. There was not agreement about the merits of the proposal or about the provision of funding at this stage. It was agreed to contact the sponsors and seek further information about:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send questions to sponsors of proposal • Decision to be taken out of session following response to questions 	Bruce to draft questions; Jochen to send

	<p>1. What is the basis for the costings? (ie. some of the costs seem to reflect commercial rates, others seem to be based on community volunteers - can that be made clearer? Is there a possibility of conflict of interest? ie. are any of the proposers going to be undertaking work at commercial rates?)</p> <p>2. The proposal appears to be much more ambitious and expensive than existing organic gardens in Canberra. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but, if it is true, what is the rationale?</p> <p>3. What are the connections between the various pots of money being sought? ie. what if you get the consultation money but no grant? What if you get grant but no lease? How dependent is Stage 1 on getting later money for stages 2/3?</p> <p>4. Do you anticipate a need to come back to the NCCC for additional funding in future?</p> <p>5. How many people do you envisage using the garden?</p>		
5. Funding proposals	<p>A number of proposals for funding were discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations to resident associations (\$500 for each association) • Funding for FoMM for backpacks to undertake weeding (\$500) • Funding Tree Day for 2009 (BBQ, consumables) - \$250 • Website development and maintenance • C4C funding of activities. <p>There was discussion about the fundamental approach the NCCC should take in regard to funding. ie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we give sums to community associations without specification about exactly what they will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff to check funding arrangements conditions • Agreed to fund FoMM up to \$500 for backpacks for weeding • In favour - Jochen, Richard, Bruce • Abstain- Geoff 	

	<p>be spent on?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we carry over unspent funding to future years? • What is the relative balance of priorities between funding activities and returning monies to the Government? • Can we spend monies on general community projects or only on specific activities of the NCCC? 		
6. Next meeting	Possibly last weekend in November, depending on responses from local associations		