

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm, 2 DECEMBER 2009

ACT SPORTS HOUSE, HACKETT

MINUTES

Present: Jochen Zeil, David Campbell, Barbara Campbell, Adam Cowell, Leon Arundell, Richard Larson, Laura Turnbull, F. Turnbull, Mike Hettinger, Catherine Doherty, Waltraud Pix, John Lee, Bruce Smith

Apologies: Caroline Le Couteur; Maureen Hartung,

1. Welcome

Jochen welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the order of business.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the February 2009 AGM were accepted without amendment (moved Richard Larson, seconded Mike Hettinger)

3. Chair's report

Jochen began by giving a brief outline of the main purpose of the NCCC (a one-stop-shop for government-community communication in North Canberra) and then summarised key achievements over the last year:

- a. Established NCCC website - a major achievement and a regular source of recognition for the NCCC
- b. Continued to support Curfew for Canberra
- c. Submission on Airport masterplan
- d. Submission on Majura Parkway
- e. Undertook meetings with ACTPLA; DHCS; Community Engagement Unit; Roads ACT
- f. Involvement in Cycle Path Planning Study
- g. Agreeing with ACT Government to provide bulk insurance for community organisations (a major victory)
- h. Supported a number of on-going and one-off community activities, including:
 - i. Curfew for Canberra
 - ii. Friends of Mt Majura and the Ainslie weeders and the Watson Woodland Working Group
 - iii. The Inner North Community Fair
 - iv. North Canberra Scouts 50th Anniversary

Jochen then outlined a series of key issues which face the NCCC now and over the coming year.

a) Sustainable North Canberra

- We need to be reducing the footprint of suburbs and looking at ways to help people become aware of information to help them understand their own environmental impact and options for improvement. Retrofitting is also a key issue

b) Traffic

- The development of Gungahlin without a sustainable public transport infrastructure and local employment base is a recipe for conflict in North Canberra, as choices need to be made which could pit resident against resident.
- Key issues include:
 - i. The Majura Parkway realignment
 - ii. Traffic from the Heritage Village site
 - iii. The Sandford St extension from Mitchell
 - iv. De-gazetting Monash Drive

c) Airport Development

- Masterplan 2009 has been approved by the Federal Government
- C4C has now gone into abeyance

d) Native reserves

- Major win with the development of the Casuarina Track
- But continuing problem of load falling on local park care groups

e) Development

- The Council will need to actively participate in issues relating to:
 - i. Majura Parkway
 - ii. Sandford St extension
 - iii. Watson Heritage Village
 - iv. Monash Drive
 - v. The Eastern Broad acre study

f) Community Development

- We need to foster the development of more suburban associations
- And connect to Neighbourhood Watch committees where possible

Jochen finished by thanking the current committee and also our website manager, Jonathon Reynolds.

Jochen's report was accepted (moved Bruce/ seconded Laura)

Discussion

- Adam raised the issue of the focus of the NCCC on the eastern side of Northbourne Ave. Various reasons for this were discussed, and the general view was that we need to get more people from O'Connor, Lyneham etc on the Committee

4. Treasurer's report

Mike outlined the financial status of the Council

- We receive 2 grants at different points in the year
- Over the last year we have had an income of \$13,143, expenses of \$9,124 with a surplus of \$4,019

The report was accepted (moved Bruce, seconded Richard)

5. Election of office bearers

The outcome of the election of office bearers was:

Chair - Jochen Zeil	<u>Committee members</u>
Secretary - Richard Larson	Catherine Doherty
Deputy Secretary Bruce Smith	Waltraud Pix
Treasurer - Mike Hettinger	David Campbell
Public Officer - Laura Turnbull	Adam Cowell

6. General Business

In recognition of the work undertaken by Jonathon, it was agreed to provide a retrospective payment of \$2,000 for the work on the provision of web content he has undertaken over the last year (moved Jochen, seconded Bruce)

Waltraud sought the Committee's agreement to approach the ACT Government to hold another Community Cabinet in North Canberra - there was general agreement.

The next meeting will be held in February 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm