

# **NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**7.30pm, 19 FEBRUARY 2009**

**ACT SPORTS HOUSE, HACKETT**

### **MINUTES**

Present: Jochen Zeil, James Walker, Pam Graudenz, Laura Turnbull, Freddie Turnbull, Caroline Le Couteur, Mike Hettinger, Mary Lou Pentony, Dorothy Mackenzie, Pat McNamara, Margaret Hetley, Marcus Graeme, Chris Hallett, Catherine Doherty, Frank Pinder, Miles Boak, G.Wier, Alison Jabs, Waltraud Pix, Ken Moylan, Maureen Hartung, John Lee, Peter Kelly, Bruce Smith

1. Welcome

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

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted without amendment (moved Miles Boak, seconded Maureen Hartung)

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. Assisted in the establishment of Curfew for Canberra
- b. Submission on Airport masterplan
- c. Undertook meetings with community associations
- d. Undertook meeting with ACT Chief Minister, ACTPLA and DHCS
- e. Organised the "Meet the Candidates" forum in the lead-up to the 2008 ACT Election
- f. Supported a number of on-going and one-off community activities, including:
  - i. Sustainable Hackett
  - ii. Curfew for Canberra
  - iii. Friends of Mt Majura
  - iv. The 40<sup>th</sup> Hackett Birthday Party

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

b) Traffic

- The development of Gungahlin without a sustainable public transport infrastructure is a recipe for conflict in North Canberra, as choices need to be made which could pit resident against resident.
- Key issues will be Monash Drive and Antill Street

c) Airport Development

- Masterplan 2009 has opened for consultation
- We need to push for:
  - i. No flights over residential areas
  - ii. A night time curfew
  - iii. A triple bottom line analysis of the carbon footprint

d) Native reserves

- Tracks are falling apart from lack of maintenance
- Major proliferation of rabbits and kangaroos
- The threat of Monash Drive and the implications of the redesign of Majura Parkway

e) Development

- The Council will need to actively participate in issues relating to:
  - i. The redevelopment of the Dickson Shopping Centre
  - ii. Opposing Monash Drive
  - iii. The further development of North Watson, and the Heritage Village site

f) Community Development

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

Discussion

- Maureen raised the issue of the need for engaging on social planning issues (Jochen acknowledged this was important, but noted that we need to have people who could undertake that work)
- Peter thanked the Council for organising the “Meet the Candidates” forum.

4. Presentation from Neil Savery, Chief Planning Executive Officer, ACTPLA

The Chief Planning Executive Officer of ACTPLA, Neil Savery, gave a presentation setting out what he saw as the key planning issues facing North Canberra. A video of the presentation is on the NCCC website at <http://northcanberra.org.au/page/4/>

Issues highlighted by Mr Savery included:

a) Eastern Broadacre study

- Focussing on Majura Symonston corridor
- Potential for employment
- Will go to Government, and then to public
- Taking into account airport, Hume estate, prison, grasslands, Defence, rural lease holders
- Will be subject of community consultation this year

b) Gungahlin

- Focus for Government's affordable housing strategy
- Accelerated land release in Kenny, Jacka, Kinleyside (still to do detailed design)

c) Molongo

- Broad strategic plan done
- Now doing EIS process
- Molongo is a departure from Y plan
- High density - more sustainable
- Reflecting reduction in household size
- Key priority is to improve sustainability, but that will cause planning conflict

d) Civic

- Only half built to date - could be doubled (using carpark space)
- Only 2,000 people living there now - want 20,000 people living there

e) Dickson masterplan

- Will be commissioning consultations
- Will mainly happen next financial year
- Looking to NCCC to play a role
- Traffic management will be a key issue

f) Sustainable future

- Working on longer-term policy in number of ways including:
  - i. Workshops on energy, transport, water, urban forms

- ii. Will be developing a composite discussion paper
- g) Interactive website
  - Puts public in position of planner
  - Having to make trade-offs between density and urban sprawl
  - Aiming for population for Canberra of 500,000
- h) Eastlake
  - Being developed in partnership with CSIRO
  - Carbon-neutral community (relating to both buildings and behaviour)
- i) DV261 - North Watson
  - Will go back to ACTPLA
    - i. To repackage to Minister
    - ii. Then back to Assembly
- j) Territory Plan Policy Review
  - Policy neutral document - ACTPLA now reviewing policies
- k) NCA Inquiry
  - Focussed on strategic planning
  - Looking at how linkages between ACT and Commonwealth planning processes could be improved

## Discussion

### Monash Drive

- Complex interactions between ACT and Commonwealth planning processes
- ACT Government about to write to Commonwealth about Monash Drive

### Neighbourhood Plans

- It was a problem that the process of neighbourhood plans a few years ago raised community expectations
- They are nevertheless important and useful

### North Watson

- Still intend to undertake planning processes, but it's a matter of priorities
- Can't do everything at once

### Not-for profit sector

- Not-for-profit sector is important, but no plans to be pro-active about its growth
- Looking at the social use of community land, particularly underutilised land owned by churches etc

5. Treasurer's report

Jochen (as acting Treasurer) outlined the financial status of the Council

- We receive 2 grants at different points in the year
- Pay an absurdly large amount of insurance (around \$3,500)
- At the time of the report, we have about \$8,000 in our accounts

6. Election of office bearers

The outcome of the election of office bearers was:

Chair - Jochen Zeil (nominated Bruce and Laura)

Deputy Chair - Richard Larson (nominated Pam and Waltraud)

Secretary - Bruce Smith (nominated Mike and Dorothy)

Treasurer - Mike Hettinger (nominated Jochen and Bruce)

Committee members

Miles Boak - (nominated Maureen and Richard)

Maureen Hartung (nominated Miles and Waltraud)

Waltraud Pix (nominated Dorothy and Bruce)

Pam Graudenz said she would be a corresponding member from Campbell.

Close of meeting