

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm 22 July 2009

ACT Sports House, Hackett

Minutes

Present: Richard Larson, Mike Hettinger, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull, Pamela Graudenz, Caroline Le Couteur, Bruce Smith

Visitors: Catherine Doherty, Barbara Chevalier, Adam Cowell,

Apologies: Jochen Zeil, Jonathon Reynolds, James Walker, Maureen Hartung

Minutes: There were no minutes from the meeting held on 17 June.

Deputy-Chair's Report

- Majura Parkway: Waltraud discussed the submission the NCCC provided on the proposed route for Majura Parkway.
- Caroline sought the Committee's views on whether there would be significant public opposition to the Parkway. The meeting thought this was unlikely, even though the construction of the Parkway did not advance progress towards sustainable transport and would make only a small contribution to addressing the increasing traffic congestion in the inner north.
- Planning and Development Forum: Richard reported on the most recent meeting, which addressed changes in land use charges, redevelopment of service stations, a presentation on sustainability, and amendments to planning and development legislation
- Caroline talked about plans to redevelop Northbourne Ave, and noted that this may be controversial. Pam also noted higher density development along Blamey Crescent in Campbell.

Sustainability-Wetlands

Barbara informed the meeting about a proposed Spring Sustainability Fair on the Banksia Street Wetlands site in O'Connor (which has now been named the Inner North Eco Fair) on September 20. A key objective of the meeting is to help people in the inner north access information on sustainability issues generally as well as the specific wetlands proposals. The Committee agreed to give in-principle support to the event and requested Barbara to develop a proposal for funding for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

ASIO Building

Catherine spoke to the meeting about the new ASIO Building near Campbell. There was minimal consultation in the approval of the site and building. A group of residents is attempting to influence the final development and to make the point that there should be better consultation and planning in future.

The meeting agreed that:

"NCCC believes there has been inadequate public scrutiny in the approval of the new

ASIO Building on Commonwealth land south of Constitution Avenue between Wendouree Drive and Blamey Crescent.

The NCCC calls on the Commonwealth Government, in consultation with the ACT Government, to:

- improve public consultation and transparency of the planning process for buildings in Canberra within areas of Australian Government responsibility; and
- halt the construction of the ASIO building to enable a thorough and open process of consultation with the community on its location, site and design."

The meeting also agreed to convey this resolution to Minister O'Connor, Senators Humphries and Lundy, and Minister Barr.

National Tree Day: Waltraud reminded the meeting about National Tree Day to be held on 2 August, including activities on Mt Majura.

Meeting closed 9.00pm