

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ACT SPORTS HOUSE, HACKETT
7.30pm, 17 November 2010

I. NCCC Annual General Meeting Agenda

- i) Greetings and Apologies
- ii) Minutes of 2009 General Meeting confirming 2009 AGM and elect officers
- iii) Matters Arising from 2009 AGM
- iv) Chair's Report
- v) Treasurer's Report
- vi) Appointment of Auditor
- vii) Election of Committee Members
- viii) Other business

DRAFT MINUTES OF 2010 AGM – TO BE VERIFIED AT 2011 AGM

Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting of the North Canberra Community Council Inc. (NCCC)

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The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by Jochen Zeil (NCCC Chair).

Attendees: James Walker, Renzo Gobbin, Pat Corbett, Geoff Davidson, Bruce Smith, Marie Coleman, Felix MacNeill, Richard Larson, Mike Hettinger, Fiona McQueenie, Jane Goffman, Lynda Dyer, Naomi Lee, Greg Haughey, Dorothy Mackenzie, Alex DeNicola, Waltraud Pix, Anna McDonald, Barbara Campbell, Andrew Bajkowski, Len Crossfield, Caroline Le Couteur, Steve Alston, Volker Hillig, Jolanta Bajkowski, Eugene Bajkowski, Leon Arundell, Catherine Doherty

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- i) **Greetings and Apologies:**
- ii) **The Draft Minutes of the 2009 AGM** and subsequent were distributed to NCCC members and others attending. ***Richard Larson moved that the Minutes be accepted. Mike Hettinger seconded the motion. As there were no objections, the motion was carried.***
- iii) **Matters arising:** There were no issues raised.
- iv) **Chair's Report.** Jochen Zeil, Chair of the NCCC (and resident of Hackett), gave a report on the activities of the Council over the last year. These are some of the key points made by Jochen in his report.

What is the North Canberra Community Council?

The NCCC is the umbrella organization for Resident Associations and Community Groups in North Canberra, including: Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Connor, Parkes, Pialligo, Reid, Russell, Turner and Watson.

There are seven other community councils in the ACT, representing Gungahlin, Belconnen, Woden Valley, Tuggeranong, Weston Creek and inner South Canberra.

The role of the NCCC is the one-stop-shop for the ACT Government and the community to communicate. The Government seeks the views of the NCCC on issues which affect North Canberra residents, while the NCCC lobbies the Government about issues which have been raised by its members.

What did the NCCC do in 2010?

The NCCC undertook a wide range of activities over the last year, including:

- Maintaining a website (www.northcanberra.org)
- Lodging various submissions to Development Plans. These include the recently released Eastern Broadacre Study (affecting the Majura Valley); the redevelopment of the Heritage Village site in North Watson; and the Sandford Street Extension from Mitchell to the Federal Highway (at the top of Antill Street)
- Participating in various consultations, including on the development of Kenny (the new suburb in Gungahlin near Watson); Time to Talk; Traffic in North Canberra; and the Dickson Development.
- Meeting with a number of ACT Government agencies, including ACT Planning and Land Authority; the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services; the Community Engagement Unit; ACT Roads; and ACT Police
- Supporting community activities such as:
 - Friends of Mt Majura(FoMM);
 - The Ainslie Weeders;
 - Watson Woodland Working Group
 - Inner North Community Fair
 - Scouts 50th Anniversary
 - Hackett Community Association

What will be the key issues for NCCC in 2011?

While the NCCC expects to deal with a number of issues over the next year, most of them stem from the one thing - the consequences for North Canberra of unsustainable, poorly planned development in Canberra as a whole. This affects North Canberra suburbs in a number of ways:

- Traffic: The development of dormitory suburbs without employment and without adequate public transport means that very large numbers of people have to find their way to the centre of the city by car everyday. This puts a strain on roads which were

never meant to cope with so much traffic and affects the quality of life of residents whose formerly quite suburbs have become thoroughfares;

- **Nature Reserves:** much of the new housing development is at the expense of nature reserves, and the need for new roads to cope with the increased car traffic will present additional threats to reserves. This relates to both Monash Drive (which is still on the Commonwealth Government plan for the ACT) and the Majura Parkway Alignment in the Majura Valley
- **Developments in older suburbs:** The ACT Government is attempting to address the sprawl through increasing residential density in older suburbs. While NCCC does not oppose this, ACTPLA is allowing piecemeal development to occur, seemingly with a total absence of planning to maintain residential amenity. We need to ensure some consistency of approach that respects the overall historical character of the suburb and has regard to the impact on existing residents of major redevelopment of their suburb.

For these reasons NCCC will continue to be involved in debates and discussions about how we can move towards a Sustainable North Canberra.

- v) Jochen Zeil presented the **Treasurer's report** for Mike Hettinger covering the financial activities of the Association for 2010.
- vi) **Appointment of Auditor.** Graeme Lindner was nominated to take on the duties of the auditor for 2010-11.
- vii) **Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members.** Nominations were received for the positions of: Chair; Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer; and Committee Member positions. Laura Turnbull continues as public officer for the NCCC.

Chair	Jochen Zeil
Deputy Chair	Leon Arundell
Secretary	Richard Larson
Treasurer	Bruce Smith
Committee Members	Mike Hettinger Renzo Gobbin Felix McNeill Laura Turnbull

The nominees were duly elected to the positions for which they had been nominated by a single resolution. (moved Jochen Zeil/seconded Richard Larson)

- viii) **Other business.** A discussion was held revolving around planning, focussed especially in the major urban redevelopment suburbs such as Dickson, Turner Lyneham and Braddon. The discussion revolved around issues such as:

- The influence of Neighbourhood Plans in planning decisions
- Implementation of single driveways for multi-unit developments
- The proliferation of single unit dwellings in multi-unit developments
- Provision of skip garbage pickups rather than single bins in multi-unit complexes

- What does good development look like? Examples to demonstrate it should be provided by the ACT Government.
- Consider implementation of the 7 point plan prepared for Braddon, and the need to focus on the sustainability of developments, rather than the character of developments.

Action items

- i. **Dickson and Braddon:** Circulate the Dickson and Braddon position as an NCCC position supporting integrated planning within 7.5km of Civic for executive review/approval.
- ii. **Monthly meetings:** Recommend that new committee agree hold scheduled meetings on third Wednesday of each month. This will avoid conflict with meetings of other community councils in north Canberra.

The meeting was declared closed at around 9.45 pm.