

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm 22 June 2011

ACT Sports House, Hackett

Draft Minutes

1. Opening

The meeting was opened at 7:35 with Jochen Zeil in the Chair. A warm welcome was extended to all present.

2. Attendance/Apologies

Present: Jochen Zeil, Leon Arundell, Richard Larson, Renzo Grobbin

Visitors:

James Walker – Hackett
Pamela Graundenz – Campbell
Lee de Percy – Ainslie
Gisa Page – Hackett
John Symond – O'Connor
Shane Rattenbury – MLA ACT Greens
Caroline le Couteur – Downer
Stephen Walter – TAMS
Shannon Savage – AECOM
Peter Evans - AECOM

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Richard Larson gave a summary of the draft minutes from the meeting on 20 April, and moved that they be accepted. The motion was seconded by James Walker and approved by the committee.

4. Business arising out of minutes of previous meeting

As highlighted in the May meeting, the ACT electoral commission has now announced proposed changes to the electoral boundaries, which if passed, will see Brindabella become a seven member electorate and reduce Molonglo to a five member electorate. The north Canberra suburbs of Lyneham, Turner and O'Connor would join the Brindabella electorate. A very brief discussion was held, but the committee did not come to any conclusion to either support or oppose the changes.

5. Business

1. Shane Rattenbury was introduced by Jochen Zeil. Shane spoke on an ACT Greens rental housing bill tabled in the ACT Legislative Assembly. The primary goal is to increase all rented housing to a minimum 3 star rating starting in 2012. There were many reasons why this goal will lead to desirable social and economic outcomes including:
 - a. the annual average cost of greenhouse emissions would reduce from \$1900 for a zero star rating to \$900 for a dwelling with a three star rating;
 - b. water efficiency measures are included;
 - c. deadlocks are included to increase safety.

In the presentation, it was noted that the measures are not designed to be an attack on landlords, each property was different, and not all dwellings may be subject to regulation. Rental dwellings constructed after 1996 already meet four star ratings. Shane also made mention that the bill will have some difficulty getting passed in the Legislative Assembly. Formal consultation ended on 3 June, and debate on the bill is scheduled for August 2011.

2. Jochen Zeil introduced Peter Evans from AECOM, who talked on the studies for the construction of the Belconnen to Civic Transitway. Funding has been approved to begin the project starting at the City – Kingsley Street – North Street/Barry Drive eastern end of the corridor. There will be dedicated bus lanes, and new or improved cycle paths, major intersections and traffic lights. Programming from preliminary to detailed designs has commenced. The corridor will be progressed in stages.
 - a. The new Kingsley Street/Barry Drive four-way intersection is intended to be completed in January 2012.
 - b. Work on Barry Drive is intended to be completed in March 2011.
 - c. City end work will commence in 2012.
 - d. Radford College end will commence from 2012 onwards.

The public transport model is based on buses up to 2031, but the corridor has been designed to accommodate light rail in the future if necessary.

Dwellings in Turner close to Barry Drive will be impacted by the changes in alignment, which will bring traffic closer to their boundary. AECOM and TAMS intend to consult closely with these residents.

3. Other Business

1. The Chair has agreed to approach officers from the Territory and Municipal Services Directorate to talk about the Centenary Trail proposal for the July meeting.

2. The Deputy Chair of NCCC has agreed to approach officers from the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate to talk about Draft Variation 306 to the Territory Plan for the July meeting.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday July 20 2011

9. Closure

Meeting closed at 9.30

Richard Larson

Secretary

North Canberra Community Council

July 18 2011