

NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT AGENDA
Wednesday 20 June 2012
ACT Sport House
100 Maitland Street Hackett
7:30 – 9:30

1. Chairs Introduction
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Presentation by ACT Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher
4. Question and Answer Time
5. Presentation on the Downer Centre redevelopment. Ms Cathy Hudson, Deputy Director, Economic Development Directorate
6. Informal meeting with other Labor candidates
7. Meeting close
8. Next meeting

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1. Chairs Introduction

The meeting was opened by Leon Arundell at 7:40.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Committee:

Leon Arundell
Richard Larson
Mike Hettinger

Members:

James Walker
Laura Turnbull
Freddie Turnbull
Geoff Davidson
Caroline Le Couteur
Chris Hallett

Visitors:

Annette Wurm – Hackett resident
Alan Kerlin – Gungahlin resident
Michael Flynn – Downer resident
Mark Anderson – Campbell resident
John Lieber – O'Connor resident
Neil Hand – Downer resident
Katy Gallagher – ACT Chief Minister
John Tucker – Reid resident
Megan Fitzharris – ACT Labor candidate
Angie Drake – ACT Labor candidate
Mark Kulasingham – ACT Labor candidate

Jules Zanetti – City resident
Marian Williams – Hackett resident
Marianne Albury-Colless – Reid resident
A. Veel – Bruce resident
S. Smith – Dickson resident
Michael Levy – Campbell resident
Beth Stone – Campbell resident
Tracey Hall – Northside Community Service
Lorraine Mason – Hackett resident
Gill (?Relver) – Hackett resident
Vic Smorhum – Narrabundah resident + ESDD
Steven Smith – Downer resident
Peter Kelly – Hackett resident
Theo Poulos – Downer shops leaseholder
Simon Plummer – Watson resident
Robyn Unger – Downer resident
Simon Rosenberg – Dickson resident
Cathy Hudson – Deputy Director General, ESD
Alison Abernathy – Community Engagement ESD
Ian Hill – Australian Capital Tourism

Apologies: Renzo Gobbin, Pamela Graudenz

3. Presentation by Katy Gallagher

This was skipped to give more time for questions from the floor.

4. Questions and answers

O'Connor

Exempt residential developments (i.e. Marsden Street). The Chief Minister thought the balance was about right, allowing developers certainty while giving adequate notification to immediate residents.

Viability of small businesses in local shopping centres is coming under increasing threat from upgrades in town centres and from large supermarket competition in selected local centres.

Campbell

Fears that traffic on a 600 metre section of Constitution Avenue east of Anzac Parade will create congestion and chaos due to new and future developments (i.e. ASIO, Block 5, Campbell). The Chief Minister indicated that planning for this area was chiefly a federal responsibility.

ACT wide

Size of ACT Legislative Assembly was brought up. A 25 member assembly (5 electorates X 5 members/electorate) seems to be the consensus, but has to be agreed to by the Assembly and the Commonwealth

Population and economic growth will require steps to minimise impacts.

Canberra Airport

Freight hub associated with Canberra Airport. It will increase the ACT's carbon emissions, and 30,000 people will be affected by aircraft noise, some more than others.

Ian Hill of Australian Capital Tourism gave a short address on developments at the airport and tourism in general.

- The international terminal is planned to open in April 2013 with 4-6 direct flights to Wellington using narrow bodied 737 planes, which will be day flights.
- There will be some noise generated by international flights.
- Increased activity at the airport will support education, sporting groups, convention business and medical service industries.
- The ACT arts sector will get a big boost for the 2013 Centenary celebrations.

North Canberra Community Services

A six month delay in funding for home-based clients requiring aged and disability services has put the service in limbo.

Reid

Heritage preservation.

Downer

Difficulties related to population increase have emerged as an issue for out of area enrolments for preschool and primary school students. North Ainslie and Majura Primary are running out of places for out of area students living in Downer, with Lyneham being proposed as a backup. Parents are apprehensive of having to relocate their children to a less convenient, more local school. They are enrolling children in pre-schools in Ainslie and Watson in order to try and get priority into these primary schools, which is probably having a deleterious effect on the Downer preschool.

Hackett

Provision of local pharmacy has been overruled by the Federal government on grounds of distance to the nearest pharmacy. The ACT Chief Minister has written to her federal counterpart but it doesn't have made any difference to the decision.

5. Presentation on redevelopment of the Downer Centre – Cathy Hudson, Alison Abernathy

- Community consultation has been an iterative process, which has led to an adjustment in the way ESD generally does engagement. The process involved a vision statement, design concepts, draft designs, revision and finally a presentation of revised plans.
- It has resulted in a concept design for residential and commercial mixed use which takes into consideration existing sportsgrounds, as well as community and heritage facilities.
- Affordable housing will be provided for CHC clients by a not-for-profit development company.
- Consultation will continue for another two weeks, and then presented to the Minister for approval. A Territory Plan Variation will be notified in about 18 months.
- Theo Poulos, the leaseholder of the land spoke on his vision for the commercial area. Fit out is planned for February 2013 and opening in May 2013.

6. Informal meeting with other Labor candidates

Members of NCCC and visitors were welcome to have an informal talk with the other Labor candidates in the Molonglo electorate, Angie Drake, Mark Kulasingham, and Megan Fitzharris after the meeting officially closed.

7. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 8:45

Richard Larson
NCCC Secretary
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