NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT AGENDA
Wednesday 15 May 2013
ACT Sport House
100 Maitland Street Hackett
7:30 - 9:30

1. Chair Introduction
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Roads ACT Director Tony Gill will discuss traffic management. Come along to hear what traffic calming measures can be employed if you have identified significant increases in traffic flow or you have any safety issues with road and cycle infrastructure in your suburb.
4. Table minutes from April 17 forum and discuss any business arising.
5. Discuss issues for forum to be held on May 15 2013.
6. Other Business.
7. Meeting close.

DRAFT MINUTES – PUBLIC FORUM
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1. Chairs Introduction
The meeting was opened by Leon Arundell around 7:40.

2. Attendance and Apologies
Committee**:**
Leon Arundell
Bruce Smith
Richard Larson
Geoff Davidson
Greg Haughey

Members:
Caroline Le Couteur
Maureen Hartung

Visitors:
Marcus Hipkins – Ainslie
Tony Gill – Director, ACT Roads
Joshua Ceramidas – President, Canberra City Residents Association
David Ferguson – Secretary, Canberra City Residents Association

Apologies
Mike Hettinger
Marianne Albury-Colless
Jochen Zeil
Chris Emery

3. **Discussion with Tony Gill, Director, ACT Roads, Territory and Municipal Services Directorate. Tony introduced and talked to a number of topics including:**

- **General responsibilities of Roads ACT.** Roads ACT has a staff of 90 people based in Lyneham and Dickson. It is responsible for the maintenance of 3000km of roads, 300 sets of traffic lights, 3000 km of stormwater, bridges, underpasses, street lighting, cycle paths, pedestrian paths and public transport infrastructure including bus shelters. It has a budget of around $55 million per annum to maintain $10 billion of government assets. It receives about 1000 requests and complaints a month. The Fix My Streets initiative has been embraced by the community. There is a small budget allocation of about $1 million to fix potholes, footpaths and cycle paths. There is more demand for work than funds which requires prioritisation of projects. The largest current project under consideration is the Majura Parkway, which has an allocated budget of $288 million.

- **Report on 1997 Ainslie Dickson Local Area Traffic Management Study.** The need for lights at the intersection of Majura Avenue and Phillip Avenue was identified in 1997. It has taken 14 years of consultation with the community to action. The general community has reported the lights as being mostly a positive measure.

- **Rat running in north Canberra has always been a problem.** Identifying problems is relatively easy to do with traffic counting and speed monitoring. Identifying solutions to problems is difficult. There is always tension and division within the community of users. Closing off roads to local traffic is not something which has been practised. Traffic calming measures are more likely to receive general support.

- **Road use monitoring.** Roads in the ACT are classified in four types: Arterial roads, Major collector roads, Minor collector roads and Access streets. Only selected arterial roads and some collector roads have permanent stations where data on volumes, speeds and other information is collected. (There appear to be four arterial roads, three major collector roads, and one minor collector road in north Canberra with permanent monitoring stations which we have subsequently been sent information). Other monitoring is done on a needs basis, often instigated by requests from the public.

- **Questions.** Q. **Canberra City Residents Association**. We see the need for better street lighting in the City to provide a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists. What is going to be done about it? A. **Tony Gill**. This is responsibility for the ACT government and Roads ACT to manage. We do lighting installations and upgrades and can add this to a priority list. It can difficult to upgrade if lighting has heritage value and the community wants to retain it. Q. **Maureen Hartung**, We have an on road parking problem at Blue Gum School in Dickson. Bollards have been placed to restrict parking for our staff. We have had problems finding out who is responsible for on road parking. Is ACT Roads responsible and can it fix the problem. **A. Tony Gill.** I will look into it. **Q. Richard Larson (on behalf of Chris Emery, Reid resident).** I would like to know if there is any chance that Kogarah Lane in Reid can be changed to a one way street. Is this a matter for ACT Roads? A. **Tony Gill**. Yes, it is a matter for ACT Roads and we can assess this possibility.

4. **Table Minutes from April 17 and discuss any business arising.**
   The Minutes were tabled and approved by the committee. There was no business arising.

5. **Discuss issues for June 19 forum.**
   The Secretary has received acceptances from Susan Helyar, executive officer for the ACT Council of Social Services and Leigh Watson of Shelter ACT to talk to us about housing affordability and community service provision for people living with disadvantage. We have received an acceptance from Heather McGowan to speak to us of the Health Care Consumers' Association on the Health Infrastructure Program. There will no doubt be other issues which will arise in the next few weeks which can be added to the agenda.

6. **Other Business.**
   A meeting with Camilla Taylor, principal solicitor of the Environmental Defenders Office ACT has been arranged for May 22. The Chair of NCCC will attend to talk about Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan 2012-06, which deals with the creation of Precinct Maps and Precinct Codes. The next combined community council meeting is scheduled for May 18. Geoff Davidson has agreed to attend on behalf of NCCC. Comments to Draft Variation 308 are due on May 27. NCCC will prepare a submission. The next Planning and Development Forum meeting is scheduled for June 4. NCCC will prepare some matters to add to the agenda.

7. **Meeting close**
   The meeting was officially closed around 9:30

Richard Larson
NCCC Secretary
June 16 2013