

RECORD OF PUBLIC FORUM
NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7.30pm 20 November 2013
ACT Sports House, Hackett

1. Chairs Introduction

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

2. Attendance and Apologies

Committee:

Mike Hettinger – Deputy Chair

Leon Arundell – Secretary

Bruce Smith – Treasurer NCCC

Richard Larson – Secretary NCCC

Marcus Hipkins

Geoff Davidson

Other Members: John Tucker?- rep from Reid

Visitors:

Apologies:

Marianne Albury-Colless – Ordinary Committee Member NCCC

Waltraud Pix – Committee member

Graham Carter

3. Minutes – it was agreed to accept the minutes of the September meeting.

4. Traffic in Ainslie:

Leon and Marcus met with Tony Gill, Head of Roads ACT.

Tony was reluctant to do a full blown study of inner north traffic, but agreed to do an analysis of possible traffic blocks at both the top and bottom of Ainslie. The roads in question would be the top of Officer Crescent and also Quick Street. We could do a mail-out, which could be paid for by Roads ACT and a public meeting in Ainslie following the results. Roads ACT will get back to us in February about the traffic analysis.

5. Braddon Club redevelopment:

Leon and Geoff reported that:

- we have now been to ACAT twice
- the Government solicitor objected to the NCCC having standing and lodged an appeal
- we will be going back on 27 November to find out if we have standing – this may not be concluded before Christmas.
- the outcome of this process may have significant implications for other community councils going into the future

- the committee agreed that it was comfortable for Leon and Geoff to handle this issue leading up to the next committee meeting in February 2014.

6. City Plan

Marcus briefly reported on the ACT Government seeking comments on the draft City Plan. It was agreed that Marcus will draft comments on the Plan on behalf of the Committee.

7. Heritage in Reid

John reported that Roads ACT has recently developed a Heritage Management Plan for Reid, which includes things like kerbs and old bus shelters. The Reid Residents Association would like all agencies in the ACT to sign off on a single plan so there could be effective co-ordination. There should be a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for all heritage areas. There are currently nine heritage precincts in the north Canberra without CMPs. This is an important absence in some areas such as Ainslie, where the trees behind the shops are part of the Griffin Plan. Part of the problem is that the CMPs are over-engineered, which means that it is too difficult to get them done.

John will circulate materials and will make a proposal at the next meeting.

This record was formally endorsed at a General Meeting on 19 February 2014.

Leon Arundell
Secretary
24 February 2014