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Minutes: General Meeting 16 April 2014
accepted at General Meeting 18 June 2014

7.30pm at ACT Sports House, 100 Maitland Street, Hackett.

Actions arising from the Minutes

Members to advise Leon of issues relating to the Dickson Woolworths car park development so that he can collate them, pass them to the consultants and cc them to the planning and land authority.

Committee to write to the Standing Committee on Planning, Environment and Territory and Municipal Services to request an extension of time for public comment on the Planning and Development (Project Facilitation) Amendment Bill.

Members are invited to draft a submission on bushfire preparedness for the Committee to consider. [Submissions are to be lodged by 5 May.](#)

Attendance and Apologies

Member Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Marcus Hipkins, Marianne Albury-Colless, Geoff Davidson, Pam Graudenz, Joshua Ceramidas, John Tucker, Philip Habel, David Teather, Caroine LeCouteur.

Observers: John Lieber, Doug Brown, Julie Edwards, Colleen Edwards, Cecilia Skene, Volker Hillig, Steve Paillas, Katrina Wotton, Scott Winsor.

Apologies: n.a.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Dickson Woolworth's car park

(Block 21 Section 30 Dickson) Coles supermarket, speciality retail and residential development - Rebecca Stockley (Knight Frank) and Natalie Coyles (Cox Architecture).

Issues raised in discussion included:

- what will be the proportion of 2- and 3-bedroom apartments?
- Will supermarket trading hours affect residents living above the supermarket? [the proposal has the supermarkets and residences separated by a floor of parking].
- Will there be enough bicycle and motorcycle parking? [The proposal includes 50 publicly accessible bike parking racks.]
- How will the development interface with the proposed light rail?

Action: Members to advise Leon of issues so that he can collate them, pass them to the consultants and cc them to the planning and land authority.

Capital Metro

Emma Thomas (Project Director) and Ben Smith (Director, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement) gave an overview of the project, including that Burley Griffin's plan for Canberra included light rail, that tendering for the project is scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2014 and construction is scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2016, Information about the project will be made available at <http://www.capitalmetro.act.gov.au/>

Planning and Development (Project Facilitation) Amendment Bill 2014.

The Minister for Territory and Municipal Services made a presentation about the Bill, and left a copy of his presentation with the Community Council for its use.

Issues raised in discussion included:

- Q: What is the rush?
A: The secure mental health facility
- Heritage is impacted, but there is a new Heritage Bill which at the instigation of the Greens is being redrafted without the call-in powers that were included in the earlier draft.
- Will six weeks (30 working days) of public consultation be enough?
- Heritage exemption: "once it's gone, it's gone."
- How likely is it that the Bill will result in unanticipated problems such as those that occurred with exempt developments?

Action: The Committee agreed to write to the Standing Committee to request an extension of time for public comment.

STANDING ITEMS

Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

No Minutes were produced for the March meeting as there was not a quorum of members.

See *Items Adjourned from 19 March*.

Committee report

Leon reported on the Committee meetings of 19 March and 16 April.

Joshua moved a motion regarding the Committee's deferral of consideration of a membership application. As there was no longer a quorum of members when the motion was ready to be put, the motion was deferred to the May meeting.

Treasurer's report

No Treasurer's report was presented.

ITEM ADJOURNED FROM 19 MARCH

Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting 19 February

The Minutes of the 19 February meeting were accepted (moved Marcus; seconded Marianne).

Special Resolution

MOTION: "That Clause 1 of the Constitution of the North Canberra Community Council be amended to add the words '*Canberra City*,' to the list of North Canberra neighbourhoods."

The amended Clause 1 would then become:

1.Name

The name of the council shall be the North Canberra Community Council (hereinafter called "the Council").

North Canberra consists of the neighbourhoods of Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Duntroon, Hackett, Lyneham, North Lyneham, O'Connor, Pialligo, Reid, Russell, Turner and Watson.

The motion to change the Constitution was carried (moved Geoff, seconded Marcus).

OTHER BUSINESS

Braddon Club review update

Leon provided an update of the review, which is to be heard by ACAT on 22 and 23 April.

Report on Planning and Development Forum meeting 9 April

Leon provided a report on the Forum.

Vandalism of street trees

Mike advised that the Council will maintain a watching brief on whether Territory and Municipal Services will replace vandalised trees during the autumn planting season.

Possible NCCC Submission on bushfire preparedness

Action: Members were invited to draft a submission for the Committee to consider. [Submissions are to be lodged by 5 May](#).

Inquiry into Amendments to the Electoral Act

It was noted that the Council had previously made a related submission in 2013 on the size of the Legislative Assembly. [Submissions](#) are due by 2 May.

Meeting close

The meeting closed at about 9.30 pm.

Leon Arundell
Secretary
19 June 2014

Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of the residents of Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Duntroon,