



MINUTES: North Canberra Community Council Meeting 20 August 2014

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

Accepted 15 October 2014

GUEST PRESENTATION 1: Draft Omnibus Territory Plan Variation

Simon Tennant, Peter Johns and Jim Corrigan of the Environment and Development Directorate (EPD) presented an overview of the draft Omnibus Territory Plan Variation and the areas of north Canberra that it will affect.

Their presentation will be made available at www.economicdevelopment.act.gov.au and www.communityservicesdirectoract.gov.au

The contact for Section 8 Dickson is Peter Johns, ph 6205 3818 or CSDCommunity@act.gov.au

The contact for the other affected north Canberra areas is EDDcomments@act.gov.au

Section 64 Mitchell: commercial development (e.g. for warehouse) of a block between the crematorium and Hoskins St.

Section 61 Downer: mixed-use redevelopment of the former Downer School site.

Sections 74 and 76 Watson: rezoning of blocks between Aspinall, Mary Kittson and Antill Streets and the Federal Highway, from CZ6 (Commercial – Leisure and Accommodation) to CZ5 (Commercial – Mixed Use), to permit residential use. Initial comments on these proposed variations may be [emailed](#) until 5 September 2014.

Section 8 Dickson: Rezoning of between five and eight blocks near the southeast corner of Moncrieff and Morphett Streets in Dickson, from RZ3 (urban residential) to RZ4 (medium density residential) so that the Institute of Architects can use them to demonstrate good quality urban infill.

Section 72 Dickson: proposed rezoning from CZ6 (Commercial – Leisure and Accommodation) to CZ5 (Commercial – Mixed Use) of an area from the swimming pool to Hawdon Place, to permit residential use.

Concern was expressed about the proposal to use the wooded area north of the swimming pool as a temporary car park, as this will require cutting down mature trees, reduce its preservation value and make it a target for development.

EPD officers explained that the agreement entered into between the ACT Government and Coles-Doma, for supermarket/retail/residential/parking redevelopment of the 242-space car park north of Dickson Woolworths, required Coles-Doma to construct a 100-space car park north of the swimming pool. Consultation on the car park Development Application (DA 2014 25744)

has closed, and the DA is currently being considered.

There was some discussion of the possibility of using the vacant ACTTAB site, which has already been approved for use as a car park, instead of the area north of the swimming pool. The lessee may be in breach of lease conditions, by not having developed the site within two years of purchase.

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Action: Greg agreed to convene a subcommittee of interested people, to work with EDD to address issues relating to the Draft Omnibus Variation.

GUEST PRESENTATION 2: [Dickson intersection upgrades](#)

Badham and Antill Streets: This intersection has a history of rear-end and right-hand-turn crashes. It is to be signalised, with one pedestrian crossing across Antill Street (at either the eastern or western side of the intersection) and another across Badham Street. The pedestrian crossing across Antill Street may be offset, to reduced delays compared with a conventional direct crossing. A bicycle lane will be built along the south side of Antill Street, to complement the existing lane on the north side.

Cowper and Antill Streets: The existing signalised crossing is to remain, but signal timing will be adjusted.

Concerns were expressed about the impact on this intersection of additional traffic due to the proposed 100 space car park adjacent to the intersection.

Cowper St and the car park access road near Antill Street. A “keep clear” area is to be marked on Cowper Street, to ensure that cars can get into and out of the access road. A zebra crossing is to be installed on the access road, between Cowper Street and the car park.

One issue at this intersection is that traffic waiting to turn right from Cowper St into the access road can hold up southbound traffic on Cowper Street.

The meeting suggested that this issue could be addressed by marking a second lane along the west Cowper Street, so that cars could pass to the left of any cars that are waiting to turn right.

Another suggestion was to prevent cars from turning right from Cowper Street into the car park access road. This would produce a “left-in, left-out” system like that proposed for Parkes Section 3. Instead of turning left from Antill Street into Cowper Street, cars would continue along Cowper Street and turn left at the intersection near the signalised pedestrian crossing.

Dickson Place and Cowper Street (near *The Garden*): A third lane will provide one lane for cars turning left from Dickson Place into Cowper Street, and a separate lane for cars turning right into Cowper Street. This will require removal of about six on-street car parking spaces.

Dickson Place and Badham Street: This intersection will be fully signalised, with three pedestrian crossings and three lanes in Dickson Place – one for entering traffic, one for left-turning exiting traffic and one for right-turning exiting traffic.

Pedestrian signals between Antill and Badham Streets: This redesign will be carried out by Coles-Doma as part of their redevelopment of the car park north of Woolworths, as will the redesign of the intersection of the car park access

road with Badham Street. It will be subject to a Development Application. Coles-Doma or the Environment and Planning Directorate can provide more information.

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Members: Deputy Chair Greg Zwajgenberg, Secretary Leon Arundell, Committee members Marianne Albury-Colless and Marcus Hipkins, Elizabeth Hutton, Neil Parsons, Caroline Le Couteur, Jane Goffman, Chris Emery, Sabine Friedrich, Phillip Habel, Pam Graudenz.

Observers: Cecilia Skene, Betty Hill, Milly King, Timothy Blair, Anthony and Julia Nicholls, Kim Hector, Roland Hector, Joan Kellett, Anthony Gillies, Susan Taylor, Tess Horwitz, Mark Sawa, Chris Graham, Peter Keegan, Colin and Sue Young, Alix Kaucz, Sarah Lapsley, Jacqui Pinkava, Kevin Turner, Jason Mann, Rode Baum, Peter Anthony Letts, David Rymer, Volker Hillig, Ken James, Julie Edwards.

Apologies: Geoff Davidson, Bruce Smith, Mike Hettinger.

Acceptance of Draft Minutes of previous meeting 16 July.

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Committee report

Leon reported on Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting.

Treasurer's report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Leon reported that at the end of June our bank balance stood at about \$19,000, up from about \$17,000 a year earlier.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hackett Horse Holding Paddocks – Draft Variation 297.

Leon noted that under the Draft Variation two of the horse holding paddocks would be incorporated into the nature reserve.

ABC Flats update & maintenance issues

This item was held over to the next meeting.

Braddon Club update

Leon and Marianne reported that ACAT has rejected NCCC's application against the de-concessionalising of the lease, but had also highlighted anomalies in the deconcessionalisation process. If EPD approves changes to the lease, the Council will consider whether to appeal that decision.

ACT & Murrumbidgee Basin Priority Project update

Marianne Albury-Colless reported that six sites were being assessed by GHD, with regard to their impact on the quality of water that flows out of the ACT. She has been given a feedback form to complete, and invited people to provide any relevant information they have about the six sites. Marianne and Mike Hettinger will represent the NCCC at a hearing on 26 August.

Close of meeting