



**Minutes: NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
7.30 pm 17 FEBRUARY 2015
accepted 17 March 2015
Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

GUEST PRESENTATION/S

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STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Members: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Marianne Albury-Colless, Marcus Hipkins and Geoff Davidson, (Committee members), Chris Emery, Sabine Friedrich, Neil Parsons, John Tucker, Jason Mann, Denis O'Brien, Alison Oakeshott, Cecilia Skene, Betty Hill, Jane Goffman, Kathleen Read, Kathy Platt.

Observers: George Schuber (spelling?), Stuart Pearson, Joan Kellett, George Langridge Gould, Brian Hill, Jo Ladiu (spelling?), Mark Sawa, John O'Brien, Robin D'Arcy.

Apologies: Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Pam Graudenz, Jennifer Ashton, Claudia Guszich, John Convine.

Committee report

Leon reported on committee decisions since the last meeting, which included:

- Agreement to make a submission on the proposed Dickson residential/supermarket development;
- Accepting new members Jennifer Finlay, Kathy Platt, Denis O'Brien, Tim Bohm, Natalie McBurney, Jillian Thomsen, Alison Oakeshott, Kathleen Read, Jennifer Ashton and Michael Longley;
- Providing financial assistance to Mt Ainslie Weeders (\$25) and the Hackett Community Association (\$110);
- To investigate options for distributing the new NCCC leaflet;
- Investigate ways to avoid the meeting day clash with the Hackett Community Association;
- Invite CBRE to make a presentation on a proposed development at 20 Girrawheen St Braddon;
- Invite SolarShare to make a presentation.

Confirm the minutes of the preceding General Meeting 19 November 2014

Agreed (Moved Geoff).

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was unable to present a report due to other commitments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Report from Combined Community Councils meeting 7 February

Leon reported on the Combined Community Councils meeting, which considered the following issues:

- CCC structure and secretary's role: Draft proposal to be considered by all Community Councils, with Community Council Chairs to develop an agreed version.
- All CCC discussion papers to be sent to the CCC Secretary for circulation, and to be marked "confidential" until they are agreed by the CCC.
- Transport subcommittee to be revived to monitor transport achievements. Each community council to seek interested people for the subcommittee.
- Adequacy of Territory Plan parking provisions to be placed on the agenda for the next CCC meeting.
- Light rail – deferred to next meeting.
- Asbestos – ISCCC to report on its considerations and on the outcome that it reaches.
- ACTEWAGL Consumer Reference Group: Marcus Hipkins' reports have been appreciated. Councils are to decide on their representation at this Group. ACTEWAGL to be asked not to refer to "Combined Community Councils" representation.
- Courtyard walls: ISCCC to provide a draft motion on the approach to courtyard walls and related precedents.
- Deakin Residents Association issue of spacing of dwellings: ISCCC to draft a letter to Planning Minister.
- BCC to draft a letter on the value of community consultation prior to allocating blocks of land for special purposes.

Lyneham Development Application 201426427 update

Greg Zwajgenberg reported that there had been two recent meetings on the issue, and that the proponents expected to finalise a revised application following a further meeting to discuss a master plan and other issues.

Dickson supermarket development

Mike Hettlinger summarised the NCCC submission.

The meeting discussed the issue of Development Applications being opened for public comment before they have been checked for compliance with the Territory Plan, resulting in volunteer organisations spending valuable time doing the planning authority's job of identifying failures to comply.

People interested in raising the public profile of this development were invited to confer after the meeting.

Mr Fluffy subcommittee report

Mike, Neil and Kathy reported that two main issues remain:

- residents don't have a practical option of rebuilding on their original block after the site has been remediated;
- people don't have an option of remaining in their house, even if that will have little impact on their life expectancy

An additional issue is that people who have knocked down their contaminated houses and rebuilt do not have certification that would allow them to sell their houses.

It was agreed that the **Mr Fluffy subcommittee** would

- provide a list of unanswered questions for the NCCC to send to the Minister; and
- agree on a motion for the March meeting, and provide it to the Secretary by 3 March, to include in the agenda for the meeting.

ABC Flats update & maintenance issues

Chris Emery reported that the Currong flats have been evacuated and fenced, and a Development Application to demolish them is likely to be executed in mid 2015, and that ACT Shelter is concerned about the apparent mismatch between the number of public housing units being demolished and the number being constructed.

Courtyard walls

Jane Goffman reported on this issue.

Traffic issues update

This discussion focused on rat-running and parking. A successful Adelaide traffic calming practice was described, in which four-way intersections are fitted with a diagonal barrier that prevents cars from driving straight through.

It was reported that the ACT Government's current policy prohibits culs-de-sac in new subdivisions.

Parkes Way to Constitution Avenue via Allara St

This issue was discussed.

Any other business

Downer Primary School site development: the site has been fenced and the buildings have been demolished. There does not appear to be an agreement to develop affordable housing on the site.

Proposed mixed use development at 20 Girrawheen St

It was noted that the Committee had agreed to invite the proponents to present at a future NCCC meeting.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at about 9.45 pm.