



**Minutes: NORTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING
7.30 pm TUESDAY 18 August 2015
Majura Function Room Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place, Dickson**

Accepted 15 September

GUEST PRESENTATION/S

Reconsideration process for the proposed Dickson supermarket development. Environment and Planning Directorate: George Cilliers, (Development Assessment) and Lisa Van Vucht.

See notes at Attachment 1.

A video of the presentation is at <http://youtu.be/gmNJUVjhh5k>.

Alistair Coe, Shadow Minister for Planning and Transport.

See notes at Attachment 2.

A video of the presentation is at <http://youtu.be/U11h9SZ1GY>.

Public Housing Renewal Taskforce: David Collett on the Public Housing Renewal Program and the Currong flats demolition in Braddon.

Issues discussed included:

- Some units will be adaptable for various levels of disability. Target 20% to 50% to be adaptable or Gold Star Liveable, especially ground floor units.
- A traffic plan is not included with a Development Application for a demolition, because the demolition contractor has responsibility for traffic management, and the demolition contract is not signed until after the Development Application has been approved.
- With regard to Section 72, the Economic Development Directorate had difficulty in gaining a consensus position on the whole of S.72 and so has stepped back and proposed changes to two sites.

A video of the presentation is at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KjFGkzEePI>

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Committee members Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Geoff Davidson, Marcus Hipkins; Members: Allison Barnes, Anthony Gillies, Betty Hill, Brian Hill, Caroline Le Couteur, Carrie Wright, Cecilia Skene, Denis O'Brien, Di Fielding, Doug Nutt, Felix MacNeil, Jane Goffman, Jane McClintock, Jay Manne, Jo Sladic, John O'Brien, John Convine, Kamrul Khan, Michael Flynn, Mike Smith, Pam Graudenz, Rob Wilson, Simon Cullen, Susan Taylor.

Apologies: Andrew Barr, Jochen Zeil, Kathleen Read, Marianne Albury-Colless, Steve Dospot, Waltraud Pix.

Observers: Arthur Davies, Brian Callahan, Anico Carey, Fiona McQueenie, John Fielding, John Holland, Jane Ahern, Maree Rose, Phil Andrews, Sylvia Alston, V M (Isaac?)

Declaration of conflicts of interest. None

Confirm the minutes of the preceding General Meeting 21 July

Accepted (moved Denis O'Brien, seconded Geoff Davidson)

Actions arising from the Minutes

- Jane Goffman forwarded a list of issues to raise at the Planning and Development Forum.
- NCCC made a submission on National Capital Plan Review.
- The Secretary conveyed the Council's endorsement of nominations for the Light Rail Community Reference Groups.
- The Chair was to bring the resolution on Dickson intersection improvements to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Confirmation of the agenda. Agreed

REPORTS

Report on Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting.

See Attachment 1.

Treasurer's report. The Secretary reported that we have about \$22,000 in the bank.

Planning and Development Forum

The next meeting has been rescheduled from 20 August to 27 August?

The Council will raise the issue of fragmented planning.

Members should send any additional questions to the Secretary.

Residents' Associations (Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Hackett, Lyneham, O'Connor, Pialligo, Reid, Russell, Turner, Watson)

Dickson: Facebook page is up to 456 followers. Jane has put up a rough proposal for S72. inc Sullivans Creek connected parkland project. Plan to produce a Dicksonia Magnifica T-shirt.

Lyneham: Oval development still happening. Position has been finalised, linked to Northbourne Ave transport corridor. Very concerned at possible huge population increase, increasing the need for public land. Need a properly constituted master plan. Sent letter of non-objection to Hockey ACT proposal.

Downer: Two big issues:

1. The heritage shops have been virtually demolished and are being renovated, to be opened by Christmas. Asbestos roof had to be removed. Bricks are to be re-used. Part of the shops has been let to a vet.

2. School site: DHC still hasn't bought the land. More information awaiting purchase. Probably more than half will be aged care units.

Mr Fluffy subcommittee

The Fluffy saga has quietened down quite a bit since 30 June rolled past; there are apparently a few who have not opted in to the "voluntary" scheme and others are still asking questions of the government and Task Force and receiving no satisfactory answers. Officialdom appears to be stalling everything as long as they can so owners give up in despair and just go away.

Dickson Section 72 "Dickson Parklands"

Land swaps happened in 2012-13, for properties that are proposed for residential use. The Dickson Residents Group has prepared a rough proposal for the area. The Government is yet to publish a draft Territory Plan variation to permit residential use. There will be a minimum six week public consultation period.

Dickson intersections upgrades

Leon Arundell reported that the Chief Minister has advised Living Streets Canberra, in relation to the Antill and Badham Streets intersection, that "*Due to several site constraints including existing trees, driveways and services pits it is not possible to include an additional pedestrian crossing point on the eastern side of the new signalised intersection. In addition, Roads ACT have advised that a staged crossing at this location would result in potentially unsafe signal directions for pedestrians.*"

The meeting passed a resolution of thanks to Roads ACT for consulting with us and taking on board most of our Dickson intersection suggestions (Moved Arthur Davies, Seconded Greg Zwajgenberg).

GENERAL BUSINESS

Possible submission on Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 343: Residential blocks surrendered under the loose fill asbestos insulation eradication scheme

Action: Secretary to review the Mr Fluffy Full Disclosure Group submission that was previously circulated within the Committee.

Dickson path lighting

Vivienne Lewis had raised the issue that lighting on the path from Dickson, through the Lyneham wetlands and to Lyneham Shops is extremely dark and therefore poses a risk to anyone walking at night including females. There is no lighting around the wetlands or on the paths. The path from Lyneham shops to the wetlands is extremely dark. Fox place has no lighting at the entrance [on Goodwin St] to the cul-de-sac and so people trying to find the street in the dark often miss it.

Action: Secretary to forward to Lyneham Community Association.

Any other business

Close of meeting 10.16

ACTIONS ARISING

All Members

Send any additional questions for the 27 August Planning and Development Forum to the Secretary.

Chair

Convey to Roads ACT our resolution of thanks for consulting with us and taking on board most of our Dickson intersection suggestions.

Secretary

Review the previously circulated submission on Draft Variation to the Territory Plan No. 343: Residential blocks surrendered under the loose fill asbestos insulation eradication scheme.

Forward to Lyneham Community Association the concerns about Dickson path lighting.

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ATTACHMENT 1: Proposed Dickson supermarket development

Notes on the presentation and discussion.

Issues discussed included:

- The Development Application was refused. The refusal included reasons for the decision.
- The applicants intend to apply for reconsideration under Section [191](#) of the Planning and Development Act.
- An application for reconsideration must be lodged within 20 days of the decision, unless this time is extended. In this case the time has been extended has been until 31 October.
- The application for reconsideration may be lodged at any time up to 31 October.
- When the application is received, the authority must notify the people who made submissions and give them two weeks to respond. The authority need not publicly notify the application.
- People who did not previously make submissions could comment, if the Council provided them with access to the resubmitted application.
- The authority will have 20 working days to decide on the application (including the two week consultation period for people who previously made submissions), unless mutually agreed otherwise.
- Time frames are normally extended if they occur over Xmas-New Year.
- Mr Cilliers made the original decision on this development application, and will not be the decision maker for the reconsideration.
- The planning and land authority may either substitute a new decision, or confirm its original decision.
- The applicants may appeal the decision to ACAT.
- Under Section [113](#) the application must be reconsidered in the same assessment track (Merit) as the initial decision. If there was a completely new Development Application, the Minister could direct that it be assessed in the Impact Track.
- There is not a conflict of interest in relation to a former employee of ACTPLA who is now working for Knight Frank.
- The location of the temporary car park, during the construction period of the project, is still being decided.
- Mr Cilliers agreed to provide further advice to the Council on progress with interim parking arrangements during construction.

ATTACHMENT 2: Notes on Alistair Coe's presentation

Issues discussed included:

- There is a case for reducing the complexity of planning legislation.
- Unfairness of the Government's revenue raising shift, from stamp duty to rates.
- Extra revenue can be obtained by attracting more private companies into Canberra.
- A Liberal Government will cancel the light rail contract under the "cancel for convenience" clause. Contracts should be published, but with some sections blacked out.
- The most appropriate location for Bus Rapid Transit will depend on how much work has been committed before a policy change from light rail to buses. There are other possible options for kerbside buses.
- The assembly should have a bipartisan transport solution.
- Mr Coe gave a firm undertaking to respect the choice of the voters in October next year. If Labor wins the election, the Liberals will accept the mandate for light rail.

ATTACHMENT 3: Committee decisions since the previous meeting

The Committee met on 11 and 18 August, and decided to”

- Accept membership Applications from David Quinn, Carolyn Philpot and Janet Munro.
- Agree new Guidelines for Guest Presentations.
- Raise the issue of fragmented planning at the Planning & Development Forum on 27 August.
- Donate \$65 to cover Living Streets Canberra's annual membership of the Conservation Council.