



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

*Accepted 16 February 2016*

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**Mr Steve Doszpot MLA**, Liberal member for Molonglo and Shadow Minister for Education and Training; Sport and Recreation; Ageing and ICT. A video of the presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/KSKryWYUTaQ>

**Midtown Precinct Development Proposal**: Block 8 Section 58 Turner, (219 Northbourne Avenue) - Canberra Town Planning. A video of the presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/JcLc1YzAK1c>.

**STANDING ITEMS**

**Attendance and Apologies**

Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Committee members Denis O'Brien, Marianne Albury-Colless and Marcus Hipkins; Members Alison Oakeshott, Allison Barnes, Cecilia Skene, Jo Sladic, John Convine, John Lieber, Kathy Platt, Mike Smith.

Apologies: Jane Goffman

Observers: Adam Howarth, Beliinda Barnes, Chis Millman, Hope Watson, Imogen Featherstone, Jonathan Tancheveki, Mary Lynn Mather, Mira Kwasik, Peter McKay, Pieter Van der Walt.

**Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting (AGM 15 October)**

Note that under the Constitution the Minutes of each Annual General Meeting are to be formally accepted at the next Annual General Meeting.

The meeting accepted the Minutes of the Meeting of 15 October (moved Marianne Albury-Colless; seconded Leon Arundell).

**Report on Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting**

Blair Thompson was accepted as a member.

Denis O'Brien was elected as Public Officer.

The Committee has agreed to publish a Checklist for assessing Development Applications.

General meetings will continue to be held on the third Tuesday of the month during 2016.

## **Declaration of Committee conflicts of interest**

Mike Hettinger: ACT Labor party member. O'Connor Community Inc.; voting member of the Labor Club

Leon Arundell: Living Streets & Conservation Council

Greg Zwajgenberg: Brindabella Christian College.

Marcus Hipkins: lives on Chisholm St, which may be affected by traffic issues.

Geoff Davidson: member of the Environmental Defender's Office.

Denis O'Brien. ALP member.

## **REPORTS**

**Treasurer's report.** Our bank balance is just over \$22,000, with some bills outstanding.

**Residents' Associations:** Downer reports were circulated with the agenda.

**Combined Community Councils:** No specific issues were identified for the December meeting.

### **Draft Transport Policy**

Marcus reported that about a dozen comments had been received.

Controversial issues are 40 km/h residential speed limit & absence of mention of light rail.

There was a suggestion that the Council accept light rail and bus as public transport options.

### **Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson:**

Denis O'Brien reported that there is a community reference group and a business reference group for each of Civic, Dickson and Gungahlin.

Information about the reference groups is available at

<http://haveyoursay.capitalmetro.act.gov.au/capital-metro-community-and-business-reference-groups>

The reference groups met and addressed the issues of values, challenges & benefits. Trees have been subject of considerable discussion. The National Capital Authority is technically responsible for median, including trees, and the ACT Government is responsible for intersections.

The successful tenderer will be known in early 2016. The next reference group meetings in February will be with the successful tenderer. Questions and issues can be passed to Denis or entered direct on the Have Your Say website:

<http://haveyoursay.capitalmetro.act.gov.au/light-rail>

Denis explained that while the Constitution Avenue extension will not have overhead cable, whether the Northbourne Avenue section has overhead cables will depend on the successful tenderer.

### **Dickson Section 72, "Parklands."**

The NCCC has replied to Ben Ponton, but has not yet received a response.

## **Planning and Development Forum**

The following questions were identified for the December Forum:

- How many people will ultimately live in the corridor, and hence what facilities those people will need?
- What are the present and future zonings near the light rail corridor? (e.g. CZ? Within X metres of Northbourne Avenue, and then a band of RZ4 approximately Y metres wide)

## **Community Aviation Consultative Group report**

*Bob Ross (Pialligo Residents' Association) has been endorsed as the Chair of the CACG.*

*There are two items on the minutes that are still running and are ongoing matters. The first is Canberra Airport's work in trying to determine the best ways to communicate with Canberra's community groups. The second is the ongoing development of the Web Tool and will be available to members once it has reached that stage of development. Both these items are works in progress.*

*The Group received reports from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and Queanbeyan City Council, mostly focussed on Jerrabomberra, Tralee and Googong.*

*Noel McCann and Bob Ross gave some feedback to the meeting about the Majura Parkway developments (opening of the bridge), and the opening of IKEA (today). Traffic issues are expected.*

*Air Services gave a report and discussed complaints (which are down since the last meeting), and the Smart Tracking website.*

*Canberra Airport talked about the progress of the Major Development Plan (still waiting on the Minister), the proposed upgrade to runway 17/35 and the CAT II development. The International Freight Symposium has been deferred to February 2016.*

*The main focus of the National CACG Chairs conference in September was the levels of satisfaction of CACG organisations nationally. Generally well accepted by the Chairs.*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Canberra City Bowling Club redevelopment**

This matter referred to the Committee.

### **Proposed changes to the NCCC Constitution**

The meeting expressed in-principle agreement for the Secretary to draft Constitutional changes, for consideration at the next General Meeting, to:

- (1) authorise the Minutes of an Annual General Meeting to be approved at the subsequent General Meeting, subject to this being consistent with legal requirements; and

(2) authorise the Minutes of an Ordinary General Meeting to be approved at the subsequent General Meeting, without having to wait until the next Annual General Meeting; and

(3) allow the appointment of a Public Officer who is not a Committee member.

### **How can the NCCC work more effectively with Residents' Associations?**

Alison Oakeshott agreed to organise a social event early in 2016, funded by the NCCC, for the committees of NCCC and of north Canberra resident organisations.

### **Proposed bond for Development Applications**

John Lieber presented a discussion paper, for consideration at the February General Meeting, that proposes:

- Bond to be in name of builder or developer. Not needed in greenfields developments.
- The intention is that builders/developers properly address complaints by neighbours. Disputes will require a lower level of proof than for criminal charges. Written complaints can be determined by ACTPLA or ACAT. Complaints upheld would mean forfeiture of bond.
- Amount: 10% of UCV for knockdown-rebuilds; 15% of UCV for unit developments; 5% of UCV for extensions. Actual cost would be interest, unless they did not comply.
- Issue of effective avoidance/transfer could be mitigated. Forfeitures could be published on ACTPLA website. Repeat forfeiture could affect renewal of builders licence.

There was a suggestion that residents should have to pay a bond, to address interference with neighbours' developments.

### **Coles-DOMA Dickson supermarket development**

Marianne Albury-Colless agreed to draft a letter relating to timeframe for public comment if the consultation period includes the Christmas-New Year holiday period.

### **Response to National Capital Plan Review**

Marianne Albury-Colless reported on the NCCC submission, which addressed:

- potential replacement of 25 metre high Anzac Park East and West gateway buildings on Anzac Parade with buildings 35 metres high
- main avenues intersecting with London Circuit are proposed to have large buildings. We recommended an assessment prior to changes to maximum building heights.
- heritage losses - any changes could consider heritage impact assessment.

The Committee agreed to publish the NCCC submission on the website, and inform members when it has been published.

**Any other business**

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