



**Minutes: North Canberra Community Council General Meeting
7.30 pm TUESDAY 15 March 2016
Majura Function Room, Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

Accepted 19 April 2016

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Dickson intersection upgrades (Economic Development Directorate).

Julie Pearson gave a presentation on the planned alterations to the Cowper Street/Dickson Place intersection that will commence in early April. There will be left and right turn lanes out of Dickson Place, hedges will be removed although the trees will not be touched. The pedestrian crossing phase will remain as is. The intersection will remain open and there will be no lane closures during peak periods. There will be a 12 week window to complete the work. There were questions about the proximity of the footpath to the road on Cowper Street.

Dickson Supermarket Development update: Coles-DOMA, have submitted a revised development application for the proposed supermarket/residential development, on the car park north of Woolworths. It was stated that there will be a drop in the number of residential units to 140 (70 1 bedroom, 14 3 bedroom, 55 2 bedroom). There were questions about the shadows from the building and it was stated that there is shadow diagrams in the development application.

The redesigned loading dock will now have one entry and exit. It is expected that there will be 6-8 semitrailers per day will some smaller trucks. It was confirmed that deliveries will only take place between 5am and 10pm.

There was some concern about where removalist trucks would park as the design did not seem to contemplate such trucks. There were also some concerns expressed at the scale of the development and especially the height of the some of the walls adjoining the footpath.

It is now proposed that the temporary carpark will only need 4 trees removed and the number of parking spaces has been reduced from 100 to 74. The carpark will be gravel with a surface seal.

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Committee members Mike Hettinger (Chair), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Denis O'Brien, Marcus Hipkins, Marianne Albury-Colless, Geoff Davidson

Members: Arthur Davies, Cecilia Skene, Jane Goffman, John Lieber, Josip Sladic, Julie Edwards, Neil Parsons, Pam Graudenz.

Observers: Joan Kellett, Hamish Lardi (Canberra CBD Ltd), Simon Lansdown, Maryan England, Julie Peerpa (CMTEDD), Stuart Oxborrow (CMTEDD), Graeme Shoobridge.

Apologies: Greg Zwajgenberg (Deputy Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Brian and Betty Hill, Simon Cullen, Kamrul Khan, Paul Costigan, Margaret Swift.

Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting (16 Feb 2016) minutes were accepted.

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 at the start of March we have \$33,662.40 in the bank.

Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting

On 1 March the Committee decided to:

- Write to the Minister about cessation of Development Application notifications in the Canberra Times and by email;
- Arrange a meeting with north Canberra resident groups, to consider how best to work together;
- Set up a SurveyMonkey account that can be used by all Community Councils;
- Commission a NCCC logo; and
- Accept Stephen Williams as a member.

Residents' Associations – no reports were provided

Combined Community Councils

The 16 February meeting considered:

- Concerns about a reduction in the role of National Capital Authority
- A Combined Community Councils 2016 election manifesto and strategy
- Holding a community consultation summit
- Developing Community Council best practice materials
- Legality of Government planning actions
- Community Councils stall at Connect & Participate Expo, 10 am – 4 pm Sat 19 March at the Old Kingston Bus Depot.
- Need for holistic planning to preserve green space, and the conflict between densification and climate change

- The need for adequate maintenance funding for the public domain.
- The need for extended consultation times for development applications advertised over the Christmas holiday period
- Consultation on planting of gardens on nature strips, and the need for policing.
- Solar access rules

Draft Transport Policy this has been sent to Leon for circulation.

Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson:

There was a meeting with the tenderer, John Holland was the lead. The contract will be signed in April/June. There will be 176 bike bays, and 4 bike racks on each vehicle. There will be a 24 minute travel time from Gungahlin to Civic. The access from Swinden Street to the service roads of Northbourne Avenue will be closed.

Dickson Section 72, “Parklands”

Planning and Development Forum

No recent meeting,

Community Aviation Consultative Group

First meeting date for 2016 is yet to be set.

GENERAL BUSINESS

These were not discussed.

Motion: placement of 40 km/h signs

“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to review the placement of 40 km/h speed limit signs in the Dickson Shopping Centre, and introduce complementary road markings, to improve compliance with the 40 km/h speed limit.”

Motion: crossing on Majura Avenue

“The North Canberra Community Council requests the ACT Government to install a crossing of Majura Avenue, between Cowper Street and Wakefield Avenue.”

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