



**Minutes: North Canberra Community Council General Meeting
7.30 pm Tuesday 21 June 2016
Majura Function Room, Majura Community Centre, 2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

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GUEST PRESENTATION

7.45 pm: **Meegan Fitzharris**, Minister for Transport and Municipal Services; Higher Education, Training and Research. Issues included public transport mode share commitments and light rail (including travel times).

A video of the presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/34RC2NChOXc>

STANDING ITEMS

Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Mike Hettinger (Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Committee members Marcus Hipkins, Denis O'Brien; Members John Lieber, Jo Sladic, Cecilia Skene, Allison Barnes, Jane Goffman, Denis O'Brien, Alison Oakeshott.

Apologies: Greg Zwajgenberg, Marianne Albury-Colless, Chris Emery, Paul Costigan.

Observers: Claire Johnston, Ben Ponton, Rachel Stephen-Smith,

Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting 17 May.

Accepted (Moved Bruce Smith, Seconded John Lieber)

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 Canberra, Climate Action Canberra & 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

Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting

On 31 May the Committee accepted new member Kate Angus, and agreed to contribute logo and/or website development funds to the Hackett, Watson, Turner and Dickson residents' associations.

Treasurer's report. Bank balance is \$28,059.

Residents' Associations.

Reid: *"The RRA has conducted its Annual General Meeting and all existing Committee Members were re-elected.*

The current issues of most concern to the RRA are:

- *Awaiting public announcements of election Heritage Policies by political parties and independent candidates;*
- *Lack of Government compliance management for developments in Heritage Precincts;*
- *Cumulative Impacts of surrounding developments - Civic, Campbell, Constitution Ave, Limestone Avenue;*
- *City to the Lake - Effect on household rates in adjacent dwellings, and existing shopping centres*
- *Community Facilities Needs Assessment has not been undertaken as recommended by Assembly PETAMS Committee for ABC Flats (DV 308)*
- *Proposal for Floriade to move to Glebe Park - impacts on adjacent residents (parking, noise, traffic, public behaviour, damage to nature strips etc)*
- *Need to create a new Park along Amaroo Street"*

Dickson: The Coles-DOMA Dickson supermarket development application that was refused in May 2015 and is currently subject to reconsideration is expected to be decided this week. At least 80 submissions in total were lodged. The proposed temporary car park next to the Dickson pool is not now expected to proceed. This raises the issue of how Coles-DOMA will they deliver the 108 parking spaces required under the contract of sale.

There will be another meeting on 23 June on the redevelopment of the Majura Community Centre. The Canberra Seniors Centre is interested in moving into the premises. Options include expanding the existing building, and replacing it with a new 2-storey building.

The Australian Catholic University proposes to build a new library etc., and has convened community consultation meetings at very short notice.

Draft Variation 346 proposes changing the solar access rules to allow more shading of buildings. This change would apply to the whole of Canberra, even though the issue that it addresses occurs in only suburbs such as Coombs and Wright). The community provided negative feedback at a meeting convened two weeks ago by the Environment and Planning Directorate. The Draft Variation has been 'parked' rather than being tabled straight away. In addition, shadow diagrams are no longer required for single dwellings.

Dicksonia Magnifica has >500 followers.

Combined Community Councils

The meeting of 18 June considered an election manifesto, the Chief Minister's advice that concessional lease policies would be reviewed, the use of Technical Amendments to change the Territory Plan, unsolicited development proposals, Merit Track assessment of development applications.

About 85 people attended the 'meet the candidates' forum at the Albert Hall, to hear presentations and ask questions of Christina Hobbs (Greens, Senate), Gai Brodtmann (Labor, Canberra), David Smith (Labor, Senate), Peter Gunning (Liberal, Fenner) and Martin Tye (Sustainable Australia, Senate).

The next meeting is to be held on 6 August.

Capital Metro Community Reference Groups – Civic and Dickson (Denis)

The group is now called the "Canberra Metro Community Reference Group".

Light rail construction is not expected to significantly affect rat running in north Canberra, because lane closures will be timed for contra-flow sides/times of Northbourne Ave.

The biggest change along the median will be the moving of the main gas line.

Dickson Section 72, "Parklands" The old Downer Club site is to be used for Coles-DOMA construction workers parking (with a shuttle bus).

Environment and Planning Forum

Next meeting Thurs 23 June

Community Aviation Consultative Group. No report

GENERAL BUSINESS

Change of name to "*Inner North Canberra Community Council*"

Motion: "*that the North Canberra Community Council change its name to "Inner North Canberra Community Council."*

Moved Leon Arundell; Seconded Alison.

The motion failed.

Should our Constitution give residents' associations a formal role?

Motion: "*that the North Canberra Community Council asks the Secretary to draft changes to the Constitution that would convert the Council to a peak body whose members would be associations or subcommittees that represent the residents of Acton, Ainslie, Braddon, Campbell, Canberra City, Dickson, Downer, Duntroon, Hackett, Lyneham, North Lyneham, O'Connor, Pialligo, Reid, Russell, Turner and Watson."*

The motion lapsed due to lack of a mover and seconder.

Motion: "*that the North Canberra Community Council asks the Secretary to draft changes to the Constitution that would include representatives of local residents' associations' on the Committee."*

The motion lapsed due to lack of a mover and seconder.

Other proposed changes to the NCCC Constitution

It was agreed that the proposed Constitutional Changes should include the ability for the Committee to co-opt additional members.

Nominations for ACT Heritage Awards.

The meeting noted that the National Trust of Australia (ACT) invites NCCC members to submit a heritage project to this year's heritage awards.

Nominations close on the 30th June 2016.

Further details and nomination forms are available at

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/2016-national-trust-act-heritage-awards/>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.