



**MINUTES**  
**General Meeting**  
**7.30 pm Tuesday 16 August 2016**  
**Majura Function Room**  
**Majura Community Centre**  
**2 Rosevear Place Dickson**

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**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

**Elections ACT:** ACT Election 15 October 2016.

A video of the presentation is at [https://youtu.be/3lwCMBt\\_GEk](https://youtu.be/3lwCMBt_GEk)

**Proposed development of Block 2 Section 64 Watson:** Canberra Town Planning. A video of the presentation is at <https://youtu.be/DqVf3XZ9-DA>

**Steve Doszpot MLA** gave a brief presentation.

**Election candidates** Maria Fatseas (independent), Rebecca Vassarotti (Greens) and Rachel Stephen-Smith (Labor) introduced themselves to the Council.

**STANDING ITEMS**

**Attendance and Apologies**

**Attendance:** Mike Hettinger (Chair), Leon Arundell (Secretary), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Committee members Marianne Albury-Colless, Denis O'Brien, Members Pam Graudenz, Cecilia Skene, Anthony Gillies, Susan Taylor, Jane Goffman, Neil Parsons, Jo Sladic, John Lieber, Rob Wilson, John Tucker.

**Apologies:** Allison Barnes, Arthur Davies, Brian Hill, Betty Hill, Chris Emery, Greg Zwajgenberg, Jason Manne.

**Observers:** Rachel Stephen-Smith, Wendy Millington, Terry and Kim Bevan, Rebecca Vassarotti, Steve Doszpot MLA, Peter [Cidholt?]

**Confirm minutes of previous General Meeting 19 July**

The meeting agreed to the draft minutes of the General Meeting of 19 July with amendments presented to the meeting by Jane Goffman, subject to the Secretary checking that the amendments accurately reflect the meeting as recorded on the video.

(Moved Marianne Albury-Colless, Seconded Jane Goffman).

**Declaration of potential Committee conflicts of interest**

See Attachment 1 below.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Appeal to ACAT against approval of Coles-DOMA Dickson supermarket Development Application**

The Council and the Downer Community Association have joined in the appeal against the decision. A directions hearing is set down for 29 August.

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

Leon advised that he will circulate an updated version of the proposed changes prior to the next meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### **Committee decisions since the previous General Meeting.**

Leon reported that the Committee plans to conduct another meeting with residents' associations in September, and has offered to contribute funding to residents' associations to allow them to develop or improve their websites.

**Treasurer's report.** A grant was given towards the cost of registering the Dickson Village Traders Association and set up a Dickson Village Traders website.

### **Combined Community Councils**

Denis reported that at their 6 August meeting the Councils almost completed a general outline of Community Council issues, which is to be presented to election candidates. They also discussed website and planning issues including concessional leases. The Environment and Planning Directorate had declined an offer to make a presentation on planning and lease issues.

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

No meetings to report.

### **Environment and Planning Forum**

Next meeting Thursday 18 August. Records of previous meetings are available at [http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/your\\_say/panels/plan\\_dev\\_forum](http://www.planning.act.gov.au/topics/your_say/panels/plan_dev_forum)

### **Community Aviation Consultative Group.**

No report from the meeting of 4 August. Pialligo Residents Association represents NCCC at these meetings.

### **Residents' Associations**

O'Connor will run a community Christmas party.

Reid: concerned about the future of Glebe Park; people parking on verges and thereby damaging vegetation; heritage issues. Will hold an election Forum September in St John's Hall in Reid.

Dickson: Attended a meeting on 18 July with the Environment and Planning Directorate to discuss the Coles-DOMA development application. Gary Rake assured attendees that a record of the meeting would be provided. A month later the Directorate has not provided an official record.

Jane presented a draft Freedom of Information request relating to the Coles-DOMA decision. There was some discussion about whether the request can be modified in order to save costs.

Motion agreed: That in principle the NCCC approves the lodging of FOI requests in relation to this DA. (Moved Denis O'Brien; seconded Jane Goffman).

Turner: A development on Forbes St will disgorge traffic onto Forbes St rather than Northbourne Ave. Forbes St already carries >3,000 vehicles/day.

## **Dickson Section 72, “Parklands”**

No report.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Proposed Canberra City Bowling Club development**

Terry Bevan advised that other than media reports there had been no consultation with neighbours about a proposed development, prior to 1 August, when notice was given of approval for an activity that could potentially damage a neighbour’s tree.

The meeting discussed the possibility of asking developer Nik Bulum to discuss his proposals at a future meeting.

### **Access Canberra difficulties**

It was reported that inquiries to Access Canberra are often redirected to an Access Canberra area 'specialist' rather than to a more knowledgeable person in the relevant area of the ACT government. From the citizen's perspective this process is inefficient because it adds an additional step to the process of finding information.

## **MATTERS DEFERRED**

### **Canberra Casino Entertainment Precinct proposal**

What are the implications (e.g. for Glebe Park) of [Canberra Casino's Entertainment Precinct proposal](#), and what opportunities will there be for community input?

**CLOSE OF MEETING.** 9.45 pm

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## **ATTACHMENT 1: Declarations of potential Committee conflicts of Interest**

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

Greg Zwajgenberg: Brindabella Christian College.

Leon Arundell: Living Streets Canberra, Climate Action Canberra, Conservation Council

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.