

MINUTES
General meeting
7.30 pm Wednesday, 21 June 2017
Downer Community Hall
Frencham Place, Downer.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. The North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) noted a presentation on the Haig Park Draft Master Plan, presented by Caitlin Bladin from the City Activation Unit within the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate of ACT Government.
- 2. The NCCC also noted an update from Miles Boak, Convenor of the Downer Community Association, on various proposed developments, particularly within the suburb of Downer, which included residential and commercial spaces. Mr Boak also noted that the Downer Community Association had lodged a submission on the proposed light rail station planned in the Downer area.
- 3. The NCCC noted that the scheduled presentation from the Capital Works Team within the Chief Minister's Directorate of the ACT Government on proposed development at the intersection of the Old Wells Station and Federal Highway had been cancelled and that any questions could be directed to Bonnie Jackson who was in attendance and representing the Directorate.

STANDING ITEMS

1 Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was attended by Marianne Albury-Colless, Catherine Anderson, Leon Arundell, Allison Barnes, Jane Bennett, Caitlin Bladin, Miles Boak, Edith Christensen, Helen Connor, Arthur Davies, Geoff Davidson, Roger Davis, Lynda Dyer, Chris Emery, Jeanette Fierro, Jane Goffman, Pam Graudenz, Mike Hettinger, Marcus Hipkins, Maryanne Humphreys, Bonnie Jackson, John Lieber, Damian Maher, Lesley McGrane, Fiona McIlroy, Denis O'Brien (Chair), Neil Parsons, Chris Paterson, Bruce Pink, Jacqui Pinkava, Kathy Platt, Jacqui Price, Hedda Ransan-Cooper, Cecilia Skene, Beth Slatyer, Nicholas Smith, Amber Taylor, Wendy Tournier, Rocco Weglorz and Greg Zwajgenberg.

Robyn d'Arcy, Sue Dyer, Claudia Guszich, Betty and Brian Hill, Johanna McBride and Josip Sladic were apologies.

2 Acknowledgement of country

The NCCC acknowledged the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners of the land upon which the meeting was held.

3 Declaration of potential conflicts of interest

The NCCC noted the following declarations of potential conflicts of interest:

- 1. Denis O'Brien (member of the Australian Labor Party).
- 2. Jane Goffman (engaged to provide consultancy services to Brindabella Christian College).
- 3. John Lieber (member of the ACT Greens).
- 4. Greg Zwajgenberg (affiliated with Brindabella Christian College).

REPORTS

1 Treasurer's report

1. The NCCC noted that the 2017-18 funding would soon be received and that consideration should be given to how those funds would best be spent to benefit the community.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1. The NCCC noted new members Hugo Cook, Alan Lee, Rob Preston, Nicholas Smith and Margaret Smyth.
- 2. The NCCC also noted a call for nominations for the positions of Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
- 3. The NCCC agreed to put forward a submission in response to the public consultation on Draft Variation No. 352 'Territory Plan Changes to various development tables, codes and definitions', as well as a letter to the Combined Community Council outlining its position. In particular, the NCCC wished to express concern over the proposed abolition of neighbourhood plans from the statutory framework of the Territory Plan.
- 4. The NCCC discussed the functionality of existing parks and playgrounds and ways in which these spaces could be improved.
- 5. The NCCC agreed to raise an objection in relation to the Development Application for Section 52.
- 6. The NCCC agreed to engage with the Pialligo Residents Association on the lack of footpaths in that suburb.
- 7. The NCCC noted that, despite a development application for the proposed knock down/rebuild of a 'Mr Fluffy' house in the Reid Housing Precinct having been rejected by the ACT Heritage Council, EPSDD approved the DA. The NCCC also noted that this appeared to contradict the Reid Housing Precinct Entry to the ACT Heritage Register under the *Heritage Act 2004 (ACT)*, and raised the issue of what the word 'mandatory', as specified in the Entry, meant in relation to heritage requirements.

NEXT MEETING

The NCCC will meet next on 19 July 2017.