

PRESENTATIONS

1. The North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) noted a presentation on ‘Lyneham on Northbourne’ by Pieter van der Walt from Canberra Town Planning, Nugroho Utomo from Cox Architecture and Michael Prendergast from JWLand.

The NCCC noted that under the deed of agreement, the developers must undertake consultation with interested bodies including community and government bodies, as well as demonstrate proposed compliance under the heritage citation ahead of submission of a draft plan to the Coordinator General for approval, and that these processes were currently underway with a view to presenting a draft Estate Development Plan to government for consideration towards the end of August 2017.

Members of the NCCC raised several questions following the presentation:

- a) Would greenery such as vertical gardens be incorporated into the estate’s facade?
- b) What measures would be implemented to temper exposure to the sun on the western facade?
- c) How would the buildings deal with sound insulation?
- d) Would foreign buyers be eligible to purchase the properties, especially in consideration of heritage restrictions? How would such sales be regulated?
- e) What would be the effect of insufficient presales? Would construction proceed as planned?
- f) What was the likely timeframe for actual occupation?
- g) What demographic is expected to occupy the estate and what kinds of amenities will be available to them? For example, would the precinct offer open play spaces for families?

The NCCC also requested that a factsheet answering frequently asked questions be made available to assist those interested in engaging in the consultation process.

2. The NCCC also noted a presentation on ‘The Conflict Resolution Service’ by Susan Rockliff from Conflict Resolution Service.

STANDING ITEMS

1 Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was attended by Marianne Albury-Colless, Tim Blair, Miles Boak, Karlene Dickens, Jane Goffman, Mike Hettinger, Marcus Hipkins, Samuel Hussey-Smith, Richard Larson, John Lieber, Lesley McGrane, Denis O'Brien (Chair), Michael Prendergast, Jacqui Price, Susan Rockliff, Cecilia Skene, Nugroho Utomo and Pieter van der Walt.

Geoff Davidson was an apology.

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. John Lieber (member of the ACT Greens).
3. Greg Zwajgenberg (affiliated with Brindabella Christian College).

REPORTS

1 Treasurer's report

1. The NCCC noted a verbal update from the Treasurer on expenses to date and noted a remaining budget of approximately \$8,856.00.

2 Other reports

1. The NCCC noted a recent announcement by members of the ACT Government inviting community engagement on the redevelopment of Section 72 of Dickson and discussed how the Council would approach the process going forward. The NCCC agreed to write a letter to Ms Yvette Berry MLA and Mr Ben Ponton, Deputy Director-General of the Environment and Planning Directorate, outlining its vision for a community-led consultation process and the need for resources.
2. The NCCC noted that members (Denis O'Brien, Jane Goffman and Marianne Albury-Colless) had attended a briefing session about 'Draft Variation No. 352 – Changes to various development tables, codes and definitions' (Neighbourhood Plans) and agreed to prepare a letter seeking an extension to the response deadline. The matter would be discussed in finer detail at the next Committee meeting.
3. The NCCC also noted that a survey of Watson residents had recently been conducted, the results of which would be presented at a future meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The NCCC noted that the Downer Community Association (DCA) proposed to submit an application under the ACT Government's 'Community Zero Emissions Grants'

scheme which offered eligible community groups up to \$25,000 to support innovative projects across the energy, transport, buildings, land use and waste sectors that focus on improved sustainability and environmental outcomes, and engage the community. The DCA proposed to use the grant to renovate the Downer Community Hall and improve its energy efficiency and lower emissions through measures such as the application of retrofitted double glazing to the windows and installation of honeycomb blinds. The NCCC approved of and agreed to support the DCA's grant application noting that this would allow the two organisations to submit a joint application and apply for up to \$50,000 under the scheme.

2. The NCCC also noted an e-Petition on 'Advertising billboards' opened by Samuel Hussey-Smith and sponsored by Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA that sought to sustain the ACT's prohibition of billboard advertising, and that the opportunity to support the petition would close on 31 July 2017.

NEXT MEETING

The NCCC will meet next on 16 August 2017.