

MINUTES

General meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday, 20 September 2017

*Downer Community Hall
Frencham Place, Downer*

PRESENTATIONS

1. The North Canberra Community Council (NCCC) noted a presentation titled 'ACT Government's current and future Climate Change Policy' by Antonio Mozquiera, Senior Manager, Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

STANDING ITEMS

1 Attendance and Apologies

The meeting was attended by Kanza Agha, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Miles Boak, Sue Dyer, Geoff Davidson, Jane Goffman, Pam Graudenz, Betty Hill, Brian Hill, Marcus Hipkins, Anna McGuire, Wendy Millington, Masao Nobe, Denis O'Brien, Neil Parsons, Cecilia Skene.

Mike Hettinger, John Lieber, Greg Zwajgenberg 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 there were no conflicts of interest.

4 Acceptance of previous minutes

The NCCC accepted the draft minutes from the last meeting:

1. General meeting – 16th August 2017.

REPORTS

1 Chair's report

The NCCC noted that there are some new members.

The NCCC noted that the Chair had attended the bi-monthly Environment and Planning Forum this month.

2 Treasurer's report

Treasurer is absent.

3 Other reports

1. Jane informed that the Combined Community Council is looking at NCCC to host their meeting in November. Thus, NCCC has to schedule the meeting on 18th of November and book the room for it. Further discussion regarding it would be done by the Committee.
2. The NCCC noted that the due date for the Le Couteur Housing [and Planning] inquiry submission is 31st October 2017 and recommended to organise a working group for the preparation of the submission.
3. Downer Shops celebration will take place on Saturday 14 October 10am to 3pm: the celebration is meant to encourage new shops to be opened there.
4. There are plans for Downer Bicentennial Square upgrade.
5. Active travel proposal/budget submission: it was noted that there would be a presentation on it later. The main concern was to ensure the cycle paths link in with the transport infrastructure.
6. S72 Dickson & Stakeholder mapping: there is a meeting with the Canberra Senior Centre at 11:30am on Friday regarding their relocation.
7. Dickson Courtyards 7-day Makeover: The Dickson Village Traders and Association and a couple of other stakeholders are organising a 7 day make-over for the Dickson shops from the 19th to 25th of November and are having a couple of workshops before then. It involves initiatives to make the place more people friendly such as Heritage signage and community gardens, etc.
8. ACAT Stakeholders meeting: Marianne and Jane attended the meeting and were impressed that Graham Neate and Marie-Therese Daniel are genuinely committed to running a fair and independent Tribunal and were listening carefully to what the community organisations had to say about the process.
9. Lake Burley Griffin and Heritage Alert: Lake Burley Griffin Guardians were concerned about the increase in bitumen and concrete in the west basin. The Lake Burley Griffin Guardians have requested FOI documents in relation to the development. A member of the Guardians will be meeting with the government soon regarding it.

This area also has heritage tree plantings. International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) is in the process of drafting an alert which Marianne and Jane have reviewed. It is hoped that the alert will give international publicity and the government will get a heads-up that this area should be preserved for the future. More information can be found on the Lake Burley Griffin Guardian website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Suburban and City Centre Developments: it was noted that it has been 26 weeks since the hearings have ended but there has been no further update on it.

Petitions: there are none.

Parks and playgrounds: a community member has proposed a landscape plan for a parkland in Dickson. The Dickson Residents Group has been contacted for that and hopefully something can be done to improve the playground.

Heritage: Marianne, the President of the Reid Residents Association informed that they may be able to alter some visually unattractive features of a house in the Reid Housing precinct, which has heritage protection.

OTHER BUSINESS

The NCCC noted that the Government is asking for submissions for budget requirements.

The NCCC noted that Kanza Agha has volunteered for the position of NCCC Secretary.

NEXT MEETING

The NCCC Annual General Meeting will be held next month in October and everyone is encouraged to attend.