

*Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well being of the residents of North Canberra*

The North Canberra Community Council receives funding and support from the ACT Government



## MINUTES

General meeting 7.30 pm Wednesday 15 May 2019, Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

*Accepted 19 June 2019*

### 1) Guest presentations

- a) **Cat Containment** – Heather Tomlinson, Environment and Planning Directorate, made a presentation on the comprehensive cat management plan encompassing domestic and feral cats. Manage different animals in different ways. Heather provided booklets. The twin objectives of the plan are to:
  1. promote the welfare of domestic cats
  2. reduce the impact on native wildlife from roaming cats.,
  3. reduce nuisance of cats and reducing health issues impacting humans.
  4. The community can give their views on the draft plan at [www.yoursay.act.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.act.gov.au). A direct contact is also available on the survey site.
- b) **North Canberra Conservation issues** – Jochen Zeil
  1. Most important request is to identify and quarantine from future development all remaining areas of endangered grassy woodland including degraded areas.
  2. Draft strategy for consultation ends next week on ACT Native Woodland Conservation.
  3. Green bits are grassy woodlands extant in 1700. Red fragments are remaining grassy woodlands, significantly reduced because of the relentless pressure of urbanisation.
  4. Extensive community efforts have been made over the decades to rehabilitate and preserve these endangered grassy woodlands, unique and pleasant environment enjoyed by the whole community.
  5. Identifying the two horse paddocks at Mt Majura are excised from the Mt Majura park. Source of weeds and rabbits in the parklands. Part of the horse paddocks are zoned for possible residential development.
  6. Remembrance park in Campbell N-E of the War Memorial. It is protected yellow box grassy woodland, Remembrance park for veterans and aboriginal communities. Brendan Nelson wants to use this for construction.
- c) **Election candidate:** Robert Knight, Australian Progressives candidate for Canberra. Born and bred in Canberra.

### 2) Attendance

- a) Members: Leon Arundell (Chair), Andrea Madon (Secretary),  
Committee members Jochen Zeil, Geoff Davidson,

Members Waltraud Pix, Bruce Smith, Neil Parsons, Paul Costigan, Beth Slatyer, Luisa Capezio, Jane Goffman, Marianne Albury-Colless

- b) Apologies. Sue Dyer, Mike Hettinger,
- 3) **Declaration of conflicts of interest.** None were declared
- 4) **Acceptance of minutes of previous meetings 20 March and 17 April.** Draft minutes of March meeting circulated to members by earlier email. Draft of 17 April handed out at the meeting. Moved to accept by Paul Costigan, seconded, the minutes are accepted.
- 5) **Financial report.** The NCCC has received its grant for this financial year.
- 6) **Committee membership:** Motion put and seconded and unanimously passed to accept these members to the committee:
- Bruce Smith
  - Waltraud Pix
- 7) **Annual General Meeting and compliance with the Associations Incorporation Act.**
- a) The NCCC does not have auditors reports or audited financial accounts for the past two financial years.
- b) An option is to give Access Canberra our bank statements. The regulators have in the past accepted bank statements in lieu of audited financial statements.
- c) Motion to nominate Catherine Smith to be the auditor for the previous two financial years. Moved, seconded and unanimously passed.
- d) The AGM for the previous year will be reconvened to finalise the financial business.
- 8) **Other Business**
- a) **Notice of member's motion** to be put to the 19th June NCCC General Meeting – see full motion in Attachment B.
- b) **Decisions requested by residents' associations** - none
- c) **NCCC Website:** members are invited to submit suggestions for consideration by email.
- d) **Communication Strategy:** members are invited to submit suggestions for consideration by email.
- e) **Campbell Community Association application for funding.** Now the NCCC has the funding it can pay the funding request that it had previously approved.
- 9) **Reports and updates**
- a) **Committee decisions** - See report in Attachment A.
- b) **Environment and Planning Forum.** Chair's report was circulated, with Director-General's reports and meeting notes.
- c) **Residents Associations reports:**
- i) Dickson Residents Association is very concerned about National Capital Plan Amendment 91. Met with Shane Rattenbury. He offered to help with lobbying if necessary. They are hopeful there will be a change with new set of plans.
- This is Federal legislation. It will be placed in the House of Reps. When the next sitting of Parliament happens the clock starts running. There are only 6 sitting days in which disallowance can be presented by a member of Parliament. Unless there is a disallowance this legislation will be enacted intact.
- The ACT Government will seek to revise the Territory Plan to be consistent with the National capital Plan because this is a legal requirement. The Territory Plan must be consistent with the NCP. The ACT Govt may choose to issue a technical amendment to bring in all of the many changes the National Plan is bringing in.

We may then be landed with changes that we cannot change, RL 617 is the height set as the absolute maximum allowed set by the flagpole. The amendment will allow this maximum height to be built on the ABC site and all other 3 corners of the intersection and it will visually . Equivalent of doubling the height of the Mantra building on one corner and putting these buildings on every corner. It will sever the sightlines designed by Walter Burley Griffin.

The only way to stop this in its tracks is to have the legislation disallowed.

- ii) Campbell Community Association Attending a forum with the NCA to discuss impacting Section 71, War Memorial and Campbell 5, a Service Station and the church and the RZ2 zoning. Feel they are having no progress on preventing the government to not go against it's own guidelines.
  - iii) Reid Residents Association: Two heritage grant applications made for Oral History Transcripts and one other Shipping container in plain view of the War Memorial: Spoken to the government and may be a solution. Has taken 3 years.
    - i) Reid park now has wood chips – a big improvement.
    - ii) West Basin will also lose views and community space with planned new high rise apartments.
  - d) **Combined Community Councils:** Motion put by Andrea that the NCCC circulate minutes of combined community councils meetings.
  - e) Next meeting due in June.
- 10) **Commemorating Enrico Taglietti** Paul Costigan moved to thank Jane for her work on commemorating Enrico Taglietti. Seconded by Leon and passed by acclamation.
- 11) Discussion of establishing a **Working Group able to respond to DAs** where there is a short consultation period that closes before the next GM. A working group would report to the committee and then to the General Meeting.
- 12) **Disney-style inflatable waterpark and play area at Black Mountain peninsula.** Jane urges caution and look at the proposed change as it is quite drastic. A beach is gone, a space is taken up by something else. Closes at six or 8 o'clock at night and is fenced.
- 13) **Meeting closed** 9:45pm.

Future general meetings (7.30 pm, Downer Community Centre): June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

Future committee meetings (7pm, upstairs room, Polish Club):

Thursdays 30 May, 27 June, 1 August, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October.

#### **Attachment A**

The April meeting was deferred to 2 May

- Committee decided to take disciplinary action against a NCCC member. This decision will not come into effect until the member has had an opportunity to respond to the reasons for the decision.

Out of session decisions 7-8 May

1. Jochen Zeil to be Interim Treasurer
2. Payments authorised:
  - a. \$500 to Conflict Resolution Service, in relation to the Supreme Court action re Dickson supermarket/residential development
  - b. \$64 to ACT Government, for hire of the Dickson Library community room, for Combined Community Councils meeting
3. June General Meeting to consider unapproved draft general meeting minutes from November 2017 and from February, March and May 2018.

**Attachment B: Notice of member's motion to be put to the 19<sup>th</sup> June NCCC General Meeting.**

The members present request that at the 19th June NCCC General Meeting:

- the following members be removed from the NCCC management committee under Item 19 **Removal of committee members** of the NCCC Constitution: Mike Hettinger & John Lieber.
- new committee members be appointed by the remaining committee members: