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## MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING 8pm Wednesday 21 November 2018

Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

*Accepted 20 Feb 2019*

### **Attendance and apologies**

Members: Edith Christensen, Bruin Christensen, Leon Arundell (Chair), Geoff Davidson, Jane Goffman, Pam Graudenz, Cecilia Skene, John Lieber, Sue Dyer, Mike Hettinger, Neil Parsons, Marcus Hipkins, Fran Parker, Paul Costigan, Wendy Millington.

Apologies: Marianne Albury-Colless, Bhavana Moylan, Angela Rymer, Andrew Witheford, Beth Slatyer, David Teather, Elizabeth Teather, Jochen Zeil.

Observers: Brigitte Bergin, Robin d'Arcy, Christine Vincent, Roland Hector, Ace Popovich (TPD), Margaret Dudley (CCA).

### **Minute taker**

Fran Parker offered to record the minutes of the meeting.

**Presentation: Yowani Grounds.** Yowani Golf Club and TP Dynamics presented conceptual plans for this development. The building plans will be subject to the outcomes of the Gateway consultations, and the report due out in early 2019. The meeting discussed concerns about building heights and setbacks, solar orientation and overshadowing, and stormwater runoff.

There was broad agreement that Club is welcome to return for further consultation when more was known.

### **Declaration of potential conflicts of interests**

**Minutes of October meeting:** *that the draft minutes be accepted as a true record.* Moved Neil Parsons, seconded Geoff Davidson, **Agreed.**

**Finances:** John Lieber tabled a financial update.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Dickson Section 72 "Parklands"**

Jane Goffman spoke to a position paper which had been tabled on behalf of the Section 72 Dickson Working Group. She spoke about the development of this section as a community

and cultural area over the 1960s and 1970s and after. There had been a general view at the previous meeting that the process to date on Section 72 had been unsatisfactory and ineffective and the working group had been established to recommend a way forward.

**MOTION:** *that the meeting requests the NCCC to advocate to retain Section 72 for community and cultural purposes, including, but not limited to, action on the six recommendations in the Working Group's position paper and in light of the issues and opportunities outlined in the paper. It was moved Neil Parsons, seconded Geoff Davidson.*

**AGREED**

*The position paper's recommendations are:*

- 1) That the government forms a Community Reference Panel that reports directly to the Minister for Urban Renewal with representatives from each of the local affected communities (taking in suburbs north of Macarthur/Wakefield). Its terms of reference should include preparation of a Community Brief.*
- 2) That the government funds a Facilitator to support the work of the Community Reference Panel, distribute information, undertake and commission research, and act as liaison between the panel and the government.*
- 3) That the Community Reference Panel be charged with examining and reporting on the concept of a Community Compact to guide urban renewal in the corridor from here on.*
- 4) That the Community Reference Panel be charged with examining and reporting on setting up a Trust or statutory authority to manage Section 72 in the longer term.*
- 5) That the current NCCC Working Group prepare an FOI request to discover what arrangements and negotiations and land valuations have taken place in relation to Block 22 (the Salvation Army's former Collection Centre), information about any undertakings made to Common Ground already, and initiate inquiries with the respective parties.*
- 6) That the current NCCC Working Group organise a petition to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly calling for a full Community Needs Assessment for the inner North, with work to begin in early 2019. That needs assessment should cover both private and non-profit service provision together with publicly funded services (eg. child care, sporting groups and fitness centres, arts and cultural facilities, play space, family support, disability support, aged care and senior citizen services etc).*

#### **Technical Amendment 2012-06**

The Chair referred to a history of unsatisfactory activity in this regard, referred to in correspondence circulated with the agenda for the meeting. In particular he has concerns about inappropriate processes, apparently conflicting advice, and the reliability of future advice. Jane Goffman agreed in principle with the Chair's views of the actions by the planning authority but expressed the view that there was little that could be done at this late stage.

*Nevertheless, there was agreement (but no motion) that the Chair should, if he wished, draft a letter to the appropriate authority expressing displeasure with past actions, hoping that it will not continue to happen, and for there to be established a transparent vetting process.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Geoff Davidson expressed concern that the development between Dooring Street and Northbourne Avenue (near the Pavilion Hotel) included provision for some 500 vehicles, for which no access would be available from Northbourne Avenue, therefore adding that traffic to Dooring street, then to the lights at MacArthur Ave, and further likely congestion into Braddon. A submission had been made previously, and he wanted to follow up. Jane Goffman suspected that right to appeal had been extinguished, however Geoff would follow up to see if any further action was possible, and would co-opt others to assist if possible.

**Items deferred** Given the late hour, the following agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.

- **Refreshments at Committee meetings**
- **Committee report**
- **Combined Community Councils** (10 November)
- **Environment and Planning Forum:** (25 October)
- **Proposed Dickson Supermarket Report**
- **Residents Association Reports**

**Close of meeting:** 9.30

Future general meetings: Wednesdays February 20 2019, 2019: March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

Committee meetings: Thursdays, 31 January, 28 February, 28 March, Wednesday 24 April, Thursdays 30 May, 27 June, 1 August, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October.