

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



General meeting

Date: 20 March 2019

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Downer Community Centre

Minutes

Accepted 15 May 2019

- 1) Attendance and apologies
 - a) Attendance: Graudenz, Shene, Costigan, Arundell, Madon, Albury-Colless, Pix, Zeil, Huber, Hill, Dudley, d'Arcy, Wishart, Dodd, Smith, O'Brien, Parsons, Millington, Hettinger, Sladic, Davidson and 2 members of the public.
 - b) Apologies: Jane Goffman, Sue Dyer, John Lever.
- 2) Guest presentation:

Update and Presentation by Terry Shaw of divercity, Project Director for the Kamberra Urban Village

 - a) 10.5 Hectare site.
 - b) Started in 2014 by Alastair Swayne, government architect and the Elvin Group.
 - c) Needed to be preceded by the Gateway Urban Renewal strategy.
 - d) Planning Minister announced Kamberra as a Demonstration Precinct.
 - e) In 2016 Minister Gentleman released a Statement of Planning Intent.
 - i) Nothing has happened. Draft Amendment 91 is the latest activity.
 - f) DA91 mandates 3 storey masonry buildings with a pitched roofs.
 - g) DA91 reflected the Community Master Plan. NCCC made submissions to DA91. Roof height to 12m. Brick partitions between balconies and pitched roofs. Therefore, not possible to have rooftop gardens, and no solar power installations on the roof.
 - h) Drones are starting to make deliveries on the rooftop. New term coined of 'rooftop serviced'.
 - i) Therefore lift access to the roofs is required because it is the only place where drone delivery can safely be made.
 - ii) Currently the city is considered to be ground-serviced i.e. services are delivered from the ground to your front door.
 - i) Now 7ha of Southwell oval is slated for 18m high or 5 storey apartments. All of the existing outside? netball courts and beach volleyball courts will be built on.
 - j) 12-18m tall accommodation does not have to be mandated now because the government is already planning to look at future needs as they arise. So if more people want to live in this area then the government will revise the planning.

- k) How well our buildings and open spaces handle heat waves. What is the thermal energy demands of our buildings? Look at the role of building materials on how do we reduce this.
- l) No ability to construct passive houses which use 90% less energy than standard constructions or sustainable housing. These are well-insulated. Passive houses are now mandatory in Vancouver, Canada.
- m) What members can do to make submissions: Is there any interest in a consolidated community submission?
- n) Campbell Community Association – wrote a submission and made it available for members to support it and members can send it off to the government email address.
 - i) Submissions will cease before the next Territory election.
- o) diverCity’s idea is a mix of 3 and 6 storeys in order to build on only @33% of the land. Enables deep-rooted and large trees to grow and contribute to a micro-climate and cooling.
- p) Six Industry Peak bodies combined to make a single submission.
- q) Kamberra is 12.5 hectare site and over 1km of frontage to Sullivan’s creek, and Federal Hwy and Flemington Rd.

3) Declaration of conflicts of interests

- a) Denis attends the Environment Planning Forum, EPF, as an individual and not a representative of the NCCC. The possibility that any actions or statements by NCCC might prejudice Denis in the eyes of the EPF and vice versa is where a conflict of interest could possibly arise. No decision that this is the case. No further action required.

4) Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.

New items

5) Applying for funding from the ACT Government for the Dickson Library 50th Anniversary

Heritage grants are administered by the ACT’s Heritage Unit within the EPSDD. Jane will be applying for a grant as a member of the Council of the National Trust to organise a fun 50th celebration. Applications are due 3 May.

- a) Dickson Library is a heritage-listed community asset, and promoting awareness of heritage places and objects is a key part of what the National Trust (a non-profit organisation) does.
- b) NCCC members are invited to think of ways to get NCCC involved in those events, play an active part as a welcoming host, representing the community past and present.

See some of Jane’s great ideas in attachment A.

Motion that the NCCC write a letter in support of Jane’s application was moved, seconded and passed on a show of hands.

6) Canberra YourSay survey

Leon has drafted a private submission and offered to send a copy to any interested members.

7) Development Application No. 201733114-01 Dickson Towers

- a) **Proposed Motion:** Proposal by Geoff Davidson that NCCC submit an objection to the Development Application No. 201733114-01 Dickson Towers, corner Morphett St and Northbourne Ave in Dickson. Submissions close **26 March**. Objection based on:
- i) Severe shortage of parking in the DA. Only 179 are being provided. Under the normal code 252 car spaces are required. This will cause many drivers to park on the streets and nature strips, as occurs with all new recent developments.
 - ii) TRAFFICREPORT-201733114-01.pdf of 2017 both out of date and does not address the new entrance off Morphett St. A new Traffic Impact Assessment is required acknowledging other new cumulative DA's including the Pavilion. All the traffic is from Dooring street. Geoff attended four days of the ACAT. Each developer does not look at the cumulative impact of all of the developments for medium and high density housing. Dickson area behind Dooring St will have another 350f people to 2031. It looks more like 3500. The one Geoff is looking at will not take the traffic reports to the critical point but not quite. MacArthur onto Northbourne Single suburban street with six, eight or ten story buildings.
 - iii) This hearing had two senior members of ACAT. Questioned the building height at 25m, 10m boundary setback and patios went past the patio acceptance level and the structure of patios are meant to be lightweight and transparent. Suitable and adaptive and non-measurable words were used.
 - iv) Fire steps, windows: Fire requirements are for one set of steps for every 9 units. However there are ten units for one set of steps.
 - v) ACAT could not understand the traffic reports. The terms are not defined and not use universally-understood terms.

8) Censure of treasurer and committee for lack of financial performance

There was broad censure from the meeting that the treasurer and the committee must perform its financial responsibilities, duties and tasks given the committee is catching up on two years of unmet financial administration and reporting requirements.

[There was a motion put forward, seconded and agreed on by a show of hands to put the NCCC Committee on notice to sort NCCC finances out as a priority.](#)

9) Other business

- a) Motion put by Paul Costigan that the North Canberra Community Council endorses the resolutions of a public meeting on Planning in the ACT at the Albert Hall on 10 September 2018. See details at **Attachment D**.
- b) Seconded by Geoff Davidson. Passed on a show of hands.
 - i) Note: West Basin is partly in South and North Canberra

10) Annual Return 2015/16 Accounts and audit.

The NCCC has not provided audited financial reports for the last two years. The NCCC has not received the grant for this year.

Under the Associations and Corporations Act, NCCC is responsible for providing audited financial and end of year reports to the regulator, Access Canberra. NCCC has not done this since 2015.

The NCCC may be fined if the financial reports are 6 months late. There could be a late lodgment fee. If no returns are submitted for 3 consecutive years the regulator will strike the organisation.

It is noted that an end of year report for 2017/18 has now been submitted by the Chair.

An auditor has been engaged to certify the financial statements. There is insufficient documentation for the auditor to do this.

Government will accept two statutory declarations from two committee members for the years in question that all of the expenditure is for items under the Deed of Grant.

There was broad advice from the meeting that the committee must perform its financial responsibilities, duties and tasks given the committee is catching up on two years of unmet financial administration and reporting requirements. The meeting censured the treasurer and the committee for not maintaining complete and accurate financial records.

There was a motion put, seconded and agreed on a show of hands to these purposes but the secretary could not keep up with typing the motion.

11) Letter regarding Technical Amendments

a) Leon proposed we accept the draft letter and send it out. Denis moved the letter be considered by the committee. Seconded by A Madon and passed on a show of hands.

12) NCCC Web site

- a) NCCC website is not being managed properly and neglecting it reflects poorly on the group and its aims.
- b) Please think of ideas to improve the website. Some ideas include timely publication of minutes, publishing other reports and information of interest to our members and the community, have the ability to make comments and submit ideas.
- c) Minutes of general meetings go on the web site.

d) Lance Williamson, contractor, updates the website.

- e) **Proposed Motion:** Proposed by Andrea. Would members and the community like to see the information in these attachments published on the website and not just as attachments to the minutes?
 - i) Would you like to see more of this information published on the webpage because it is of interest and helps inform opinions?
 - ii) What other headings and topics would the members and the community like to see on the site?

13) The National Capital Authority (NCA) has released National Capital Plan Draft Amendment 91 – City and Gateway Urban Design Provisions (DA91) for public consultation. The purpose of DA91 is to implement the NCA's interest in the City and

Gateway Urban Design Framework by establishing detailed planning and design criteria for development on land flanking the Federal Highway and Northbourne Avenue.

a) No action required.

14) Nominations for Vice President and up to four other committee positions. This did not proceed.

15) Catering for committee meetings.

(1) This was voted on in the last general meeting.

16) Pavilion on Northbourne. DA for the Pavilion closed a while ago.

a) Verbal report given by Geoff on the appeal being prosecuting in ACAT.

17) Reports and updates

a) Committee decisions since the previous meeting. New members approved. Other?

b) **Environment and Planning Forum.** Attendance at meetings is permission of the Director-General of the Environment? It is currently attended by two cycling organisations, walking organisations, and usually about 20-25 people. The minutes are usually put up on the government website. It puts community councils, developers, community organisations and planning together to talk to each other.

c) **Residents Associations,**

i) DICKSON RESIDENTS GROUP UPDATE, provided by J. Goffman, 17 March 2019.

d) **Combined Community Councils.** NCCC hosted the February meeting but did not attend, organized the room and catering and Leon was away and no other committee members attended. The minutes are circulated.

e) **Community Aviation Consultative Group.** The NCCC is not in the group but receives minutes of meetings. The NCCC are informed and if anything controversial we get to hear about it.

18) **Letter on technical amendments.**

a) This is an existing issue and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

19) Meeting closed 9:05pm

20) Future general meetings (7.30 pm, Downer Community Centre): April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

21) Future committee meetings (7pm, upstairs room, Polish Club): Thursdays 28 February, 28 March, Wednesday 24 April, Thursdays 30 May, 27 June, 1 August, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October.

Attachment: A

Heritage grant application for Dickson Library's 50th birthday this December

Great ideas from Jane who would particularly like to arrange for;

- facsimiles of the Taglietti brochure to be reproduced for the occasion,
- decorate the library,
- put on puppet shows,
- organise a 50th reunion for the librarians,
- run tours about the library's architecture and the architect Enrico Taglietti,

- display archived materials,
- arrange a market stall day in the Square,
- do a special long table lunch or dinner,
- a retro 1969 concert,
- a vintage VW Beetles rally, and
- possibly show an outdoor film if Jhay and the Dickson town team are happy to organise that.

Please have a think about ways that NCCC could get involved, and becoming involved yourself and if you have further ideas please get in touch soon!

Attachment: D

Some resolutions of a public meeting on Planning in the ACT at the Hall on 10 September 2018

1. We want to see active and demonstrable community engagement on the vision and reshaping of Canberra, from our Federal and ACT elected representatives, notably on the ACT Government's planning strategy refresh. We believe there needs to be a pause in the approval of further large-scale developments that will impact on the long-term form of the city until this community engagement is completed.
2. For the vision to become a reality, we urge both the Australian and ACT Governments, under the National Capital Plan and the Territory Plan, to develop precinct codes, local area plans, heritage overlays/management plans, environmental and character values for individual precincts that are both enforceable and enforced in future planning. These planning mechanisms will help with monitoring compliance of developments against both the National Capital and Territory Plans.
3. We expect to see that the Australian and ACT Governments adhere to world's best practice in their planning and heritage policies and requirements, and to genuinely involve, at an early stage and at key later stages, individuals, Community Councils and community interest groups, and include national groups for the national and designated areas. Community Councils and other representative organisations need to be sufficiently funded and resourced to support their involvement.
4. We urge the ACT and Australian Governments to support heritage listing for Lake Burley Griffin and its landscape setting, to protect this national asset, and to halt all plans to infill part of the lake and appropriate the foreshore for an apartment estate at West Basin.
5. We call for the Australian and ACT Governments to undertake a new international design competition to guide planning for the second century of the Nation's Capital