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

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MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm Wednesday 20 February 2019
Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

Video of the meeting has been posted on the NCCC YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1gnJVlu5IWe6ZLT1hiSNsA>

**PRESENTATION: Rachel Stephen-Smith
Minister for Urban Renewal (and many other things)**

Acknowledgement of country

Attendance

Chair: Leon Arundell

Special Guest: Rachel Stephen-Smith, Minister for Urban Renewal and two staff members from her department

Other Committee members: John Lieber (Treasurer), Mike Hettinger

Members: Diane Rogers, Angela Rymer, Wendy Millington, Brian Hill, Betty Hill, Pam Graudenz, Cecilia Skene, Andrea Madon, Julie Edwards, Bruin Christensen, Edith Christensen, Denis O'Brien, Marcus Hipkins, Jane Goffman, Paul Costigan, Jason Mann, Sue Dyer

Observers: Thirteen (13) members of the public attended.

Communication and Engagement Branch, Office of the Chief Minister: Bonnie Jackson and Karen Stewart-Moore.

Apologies: Marianne Albury-Colless

Meeting commenced: 7:30pm

- 1) Meeting opened by the Chair. He welcomed the Minister for Urban Renewal Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith.
- 2) The Minister gave a talk on Section 72, Dickson. Some points she made are listed below. This is not a comprehensive list:
 - Government committed to Urban Renewal/Urban Infill
 - Government committed to Common Ground and affordable housing on this site. Common ground is long-term housing for clients with significant needs and prolonged homelessness supported by the government. This is an election promise for use of Section 72. It's envisaged to provide 20 units for low income tenants and 20 for single mothers.
 - In 2018 s.72 planning was undertaken in 2 stages. The confusion arose by showing building shapes & sizes on a series of blocks while also trying to talk about land uses,

which gave the impression that these were all multi-storey apartments. No particular proposal for the buildings was put forward.

- the community had previously expressed support for some type of supported accommodation on the site such as housing for the elderly.
 - the community said it wanted two and three storey development on S.72.
- 3) NCA draft amendment 91 and the City and Gateway Urban Design Framework. Motion put to the meeting, seconded, voted on and passed that Denis O'Brien chair and Jane Goffman and Terry Shaw (observer) form a working group to draft a submission on behalf of NCCC re the National Capital Plan Amendment No. 91. Submissions close 4 March 2019.
 - a) Submissions were only invited by the government on 19/12/2018.
 - b) All members are invited:
 - i) to be part of the working group and
 - ii) make contributions.
 - c) Draft submission will be presented to the next committee meeting on 28 Feb for consideration.
 - d) NCCC may consider requesting an extension of time to make a submission.
 - 4) **Secretary**
 - a) Ms Madon nominated to be Secretary. She was declared elected as there were no other nominees.
 - 5) Technical amendments.
 - a) Denis spoke to the idea of not pursuing any further the 3 letters drafted by Leon given this happened 6 years ago.
 - b) The three draft letters will be considered along with the advice from Ben Ponton.
 - 6) Bonnie Jackson and Karen Stewart-Moore introduced themselves. They were at the meeting to look at governance issues as part of the process of issuing the new Deed of Grant.
 - 7) The Chair asked for any conflicts of interest to be declared. There were no conflicts of interest declared.
 - 8) Treasurer John Lieber presented an interim financial report. It was received by the meeting. The audited report was not yet available.
 - 9) Catering for committee meetings. Reimbursement of up to \$25 to each committee member when attending committee meetings at meal-times.
 - a) Discussion points included whether payment should be for alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks, that previous experience shows the risk of free alcohol is alcohol-affected members and meetings, that committee members are effectively subsidising the work of the committee as they cannot go home to eat.
 - b) Estimated cost is \$1,600/annum.
 - c) The ACT government representative has previously advised this is acceptable expenditure.
 - d) Status Quo is a limit of \$25 per person.
 - e) Motion proposed by Mike Hettinger, seconded and carried to endorse payment of the cost of a meal and a drink for each committee member at committee meetings.
 - 10) Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2018 were circulated. Minutes were accepted.
 - 11) Access to printed copies of the City and Gateway Urban Design Framework is now available at Dickson Library (starting this week), however printed copies are extremely scarce and Jane requested 25 for this meeting but was given 4. It was noted that this has made it very difficult for the public to engage with the material since the document is 84 pages long and the associated NCA draft amendment is another 24 pages.

- 12) The NCCC did not attend the Combined Community Councils Meeting on 9 February. Leon provided a summary of the meeting.
- 13) New Development Application for the Coles at Dickson shops – DA201835109 Block 21 Section 30 Dickson was publicly notified in January and deadline for comments is Thu 28 Feb
- a) Jane noted that the new DA by Coles has taken on board the community's major concerns with the Coles development. The proponent's project manager listened and responded to community input. Significant improvements were made to the original design, especially on the ground floor plane, however certain things could still be improved.
 - b) Jane advised she will make a submission. She is available to talk with anyone who would like to discuss it.
- 14) **Close of meeting.** The Meeting ended 9:30 p.m.

ITEMS DEFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING

- **Letter on technical amendment issues**
- **Update on Dickson Section 72 "Parklands"**
- **Development application for the Pavilion on Northbourne**
- **Reports:** Committee, Combined Community Councils, Environment and Planning Forum, Proposed Dickson Supermarket, Residents Associations, Community Aviation Consultative Group, NCCC website

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

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.