

*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 7.30 pm Wednesday 17 July 2019
Downer Community Centre, Frencham Place, Downer

Chair: Geoff Davidson

SPECIAL ITEM

1. Minute taker for the meeting: Bruce Smith

STANDING ITEMS

2. Attendance and apologies

- a) Committee members, Geoff Davidson (acting chair), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Waltraud Pix
- b) Members: Jane Goffman, Marianne Albury-Colless, Denis O'Brien, Paul Costigan, Chris Finnigan, Cecilia Skene, Reece Gittins.
- c) Observers: Angus Douglas, Eilis Fitt, Cedric Bryant, Liam Smith, Christine Vincent.
- d) Apologies: Leon Arundell (chair), Andrea Madon (sec), Jochen Zeil, Mike Hettinger.

3. **Declaration of conflicts of interest** – none.

4. Acceptance of minutes of previous general meeting 19 June

Mike Hettinger raised the issue (in writing before the meeting) about the need to identify movers and seconders of key motions in the minutes. It was agreed to defer this item.

5. **Actions arising from previous meeting 19 June** - none

6. Treasurer's report

Bruce reported that:

- The current balance was \$10,950
- The signatory and approval arrangements for the bank accounts had been brought into line with changes in the Committee, and we have licensed new software to streamline reconciliation and invoice records
- We are proceeding to prepare financial statements for 2016-17, 17-18 and 18-19 for inspection by an independent reviewer.

Discussion included the need for expenditure of funds during this financial period, and the timing of an AGM to consider the statements.

GENERAL BUSINESS

7. Nominations for Secretary and other committee positions.

There were no nominations, but there was interest in some members attending Committee meetings to get an idea of what was involved and potentially nominating in future.

8. Review of the Territory Plan and the Planning and Development Act

Discussion focussed on the need for the NCCC to give priority to this, including taking a long-term perspective on planning. It was agreed that the NCCC will develop a submission. Waltraud Pix is to provide a scoping document which sets out timing and consultation processes for the Review and how the NCCC should contribute.

9. City Precinct Renewal Program

The City Precinct Renewal Program was launched on July 5. The program does not seem to include an adequate process for public consultation.

It was agreed to invite the City Renewal Authority to discuss its plans.

REPORTS

10. Committee decisions

Bruce Smith is the new treasurer, Jochen Zeil is the Deputy Chair, and Waltraud Pix has been accepted onto the committee.

Jochen Zeil and Waltraud Pix are to represent the NCCC on the Grassy Woodlands Working Group.

Membership applications were accepted from Mick Mooney, Vlasta Jeftic, Kate Shepherd, Ian Ross, Leigh Cox, Grace Stripeikis and Chris Finnigan.

Payments were authorised for website hosting and management, for meeting room hire, for raising awareness of Amendment 91 to the National Capital Plan, and for this year's Light Up Lyneham event.

11. Environment and Planning Forum

The Forum's new Terms of Reference are now on the EPF web page. The membership list on the web page is yet to be updated to reflect the new Terms of Reference. Minutes of the February meeting have also been uploaded.

The Director-General's June report, and the April minutes, are being circulated with the agenda.

The June meeting had presentations and discussions on EPSDD Budget Highlights, Building Quality and Strata Title Reforms. Presentations and discussions on Planning Strategy Implementation – Urban Intensification Localities, and on the ACT Planning Review (including review of the Territory Plan), were held over to the August meeting.

12. Section 72 Working Group

Jane Goffman provided an update, including on a meeting held with the Minister on 19 June. Jane briefed the meeting on the Government's broad proposals for medium density housing and social housing and stressed the need to push for community facilities and green space.

13. Macarthur / Wakefield / Northbourne working group

Jane Goffman gave an updated brief. She has been sketching the effects of the proposals, and found very significant impacts on lines of vision along the axial lines in the Griffin Plan. There is strong support from the National Trust and the Walter Burley Griffin Society and she will take the issue to the Institute of Architects.

Reference: <https://www.nca.gov.au/consolidated-national-capital-plan/part-fourb-special-requirements-territory-land> fig 147

14. **Constitution working group**

Paul Costigan reported that the working group has been drafting a new constitution based on the ISCCC version. They have met twice and are now up to draft five and are discussing ideas with Gary Kent (ISCCC). Soon to involve more people and to circulate a draft to inner north residents' groups in the next week for comments. There was discussion about the need to hold a Special General Meeting to approve the new Constitution – the Committee will need to consider timing.

15. **Residents' associations**

A. Reid and Campbell Associations

- a. Former CSIRO site: Marianne Albury-Colless and Christine Vincent raised concerns about the proposed new development on the former CSIRO site in Campbell (opposite Reid). These concerns include the impact on endangered species, the impact on Mt Ainslie, the impact on traffic and the lack of transparency in the planning process. They are to provide a draft for the NCCC to submit to the NCA. Members should also provide comments directly onto the NCA website.
- b. Dirrawan Gardens: Marianne raised concerns over the redevelopment of a heritage protected site in Dirrawan Gardens, Reid. She will provide a draft letter to the Chief Minister from the NCCC, including that we do not agree with the Heritage Council's approval of the development.

B. Dickson Residents Group

Jane Goffman provided a brief on the approval of the Coles Dickson shops development approved by Mick Gentleman using his call in powers. She noted that, after 5 rounds of negotiations, the proposal is significantly better than it was. The meeting commended Jane's work on this issue.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Future meetings

General meetings (7.30 pm, Downer Community Centre):, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20

Committee meetings

A. Immediately before general meetings: 7 pm, above location and dates.

B: Thursdays 1 August, 29 August, 26 September, 31 October: 7pm, upstairs room, Polish Club, Turner