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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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Agenda: Committee meeting 7pm 19 May 2021 Online via Zoom

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Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Jane Goffman, Peter Callan, Marcus Hipkins, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Marianne Albury-Colless, Simon Clarke, Ian Hubbard, Marg Dudley, Gordon McAllister

Observers: Rowan Cummings, Kip Tanner, Hope Watson, Andrew Clarke

A. Guest presentation from Canberra Racing Club

B. Chair's Update

- 1) Following the presentation from the Canberra Racing Club on the proposed partial redevelopment of their site, Ian Hubbard raises some of the growing issues around community zoned land, where local sporting clubs are increasingly inclined to sell off their land to compensate for lost business revenue. It is noted that the reduction in community zoned land means there would be limited space remaining for facilities such as new schools.
- 2) Jochen raised the recent letter from ACT Planning Minister inviting one NCCC member only to attend three workshops, commencing from the following week, on the ACT Planning Review. The Committee discusses how the letter provides limited notice and inviting one member only reflects a poor approach to good faith consultation on the review.
 - i. It is agreed that Jane Goffman will ring the Planning Directorate to convey these concerns, and the NCCC will reply to the Minister advising that we do not want to be limited to one attendee only.

C. Treasurer's Update

- 1) Bruce Smith advised that we have remaining planned expenditure of approximately \$3,830 for 2020-21 and a projected underspend of \$2,043.
- 2) The Committee agreed to the new funding requests previously circulated by Bruce, including:
 - i. Agreeing to the Reid Association revising its previous approved bids to instead go towards the Reid Association's newsletter publication and for staging public walks; and
 - ii. Noting the earlier decision by the Committee for \$200 for the Mr Pleasant Parkcare Group for communications activities.
- 3) Marg Dudley requested funding for the Campbell association for new flyers for a letterbox drop to facilitate their recent membership drive. The Committee agrees to provide \$200 (expected to deliver 2000 flyers).

D. Update from resident/community associations

- 1) Marianne Albury Colless (Reid) noted there is a proposal for a new 14 story tower to be built at the Holiday Inn (near the Casino at Binara Street), and advises there is concerns that a building of that height could overshadow Glebe Park.
- 2) Marcus Hipkins (Ainslie) noted that the YWCA's proposal to develop the Bill Pye Park site was approved. The Ainslie association has concerns about the depth of justification and rationale included in the decision, and advise they are likely to put in an appeal.
- 3) Gordon McAllister (Lyneham) provided an update on the recent photo competition that the association had run and noted that planning has commenced for this year's Light Up Lyneham.
- 4) Margaret Henderson (Campbell) updated the Committee on the recent developments with the proposed expansion of the War Memorial, with nearly 600 submissions on the proposal having been lodged with the National Capital Authority, many of which have highlighted the heritage and environmental value of the 140 trees that would be removed under the redevelopment.

Margaret further advised that Campbell continues to experience issues with traffic (rat running), on-street parking and the impact of redevelopments on neighbours. The recent Coffee Club sessions and the membership drive have been useful however in gauging community sentiment and organising a collective response.

E. Other business

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next Committee meeting will be held on 21 July.