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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: General Meeting 7pm 21 April 2021

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Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Enerstine Kirsch, Jochen Zeil, Bruce Smith, Geoff Francis, Gordon McAllister, John Skene] Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Neil Parsons, Paul Costigan, Peter Callan, Simon, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Marcus Hipkins, Simon Clarke

Observers: David Jones

Apologies: Jane Goffman, Janet Wayn

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. ACT Health provided an update on the latest round of consultation on the Canberra Hospital Master Plan.
2. JWLand delivered a briefing on their upcoming Braddon Place development.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of previous Committee Meeting minutes

- a. The March meeting minutes are accepted.

REPORTS

2. Chair's report

- a. Jochen advises that the developers for the Dickson Coles project have shared a few images of their worksite, which reveal that the worksite will comprise the entire Woolworths carpark.
- b. Jochen advises that there had been some recent Development Application rejections, including the Dame Pattie Menzies project in Dickson and a site south of the Soho development, also in Dickson.
- c. Jochen also advises that Leon Arundell has offered to be the NCCC representative for the Combined Community Council Transport Group, which is agreed, with Marcus Hipkins to provide a back-up role.

3. Treasurer's report

- a. Bruce advises that there is current remaining expenditure of \$5,530 for 2020-21 (and a projected underspend of \$1,843).
- b. Bruce also advises that given there is expected to be an underspend on the Hackett Resident Association's 'welcome packs', they propose to instead use the underspend for a trial of Coffee Club events (similar to those run by the Campbell Residents Association)
- c. The Lyneham Association has requested \$300 cash prizes for a photo competition 'Eye Spy My Lyneham'
 - i. These requests are agreed to.

4. Residents' associations update

- a. Enerstine Kirsch (Braddon) provides an update on recent work of the Braddon Collective, which is a community and small business group that meets fortnightly to work with local stakeholders to maintain a vibrant character of Braddon.
 - i. Enerstine also notes that the ACT Government is seeking consultation on the Lonsdale street upgrade, which includes a 20 km/h zone. She advises that there is a lot of support for the removal of car parks but it is concerning that there is limited investment in the neighbouring Mort Street.
- b. Simon Clarke (Watson) notes that consultation has commenced Block 76 (which is adjacent to Federal Highway in North Watson), with the development proposal suggesting three quarters of the trees on the block would be removed. The Govt has released the feedback from the consultation process, which was largely negative.
 - i. The consultation with AIE on the Watson Technology Park development has recently finished, and a formal Development Application is being prepared. The Government has advised it is intending to commence remediation of the asbestos on the site this year (potentially as soon as August).
- c. Bruce Smith (Hackett) advises that work is ongoing on the mural at the Hackett shops (in collaboration with Blue Gum Primary School). They have also been considering potential ways of getting older residents together for events. They have also been asked to put in ideas for the next Budget, which could include local park infrastructure.
- d. Marianne advises that Reid had their AGM, and Rebecca Vassarotti and Jack Waterford were the two guest speakers. There remain ongoing concerns about car traffic and parking in the suburb.
 - i. Marianne also advises that there has been significant and ongoing community opposition to the proposed War Memorial redevelopment.
- e. Peter Callan (Dickson) advises that the Dickson Residents Association indeed recently became incorporated and established a new website.
 - i. Peter also commends, on behalf of the NCCC, Geoff Davidson's work in querying the questionable Development Applications in the Dickson area, noting Geoff's representations on the Dickson projects mentioned earlier in the meeting.
 - ii. Peter puts forward a motion that the NCCC lodge an Freedom of Information request to the ACT Government with regards to the heritage

decision on the Dickson Runway findings. Which is accepted by the NCCC.

- f. Geoff Francis (Downer) advises that the Downer Association has written to the ACT Government regarding the Goodwin Development on the Downer school site, noting that the height is 2 meters higher than the (already relatively high) Bradfield development, and relatively to the main road.
 - i. While the Downer Association supports the general purpose of the development (ie. housing for elderly residents) the height of the developments is concerning.
- g. Gordon McAllister (Lyneham) advises that the Lyneham Association are concerned about the proposed Yowani golf club development. A draft variation was released which proposed rezoning for the development for housing. Gordon advises that their announcements neglected to mention they want to move their golf club to near the hockey centre, which is the Lyneham Association is concerned about.
- h. Marg Dudley (Campbell) advises that the ACT Government recently invested \$2 million in a re-development of the Campbell shops, with Marg advising that a public meeting will likely be held to get a better sense of the proposed plans.
 - i. Marg also advises that the 'knock down and re-builds' in the suburb are continuing at an very high rate, which reflects on the questions of building quality and associated standards that the NCCC has raised previously with the ACT Government.
- i. Marcus Hipkins (Ainslie) advises that the Bill Pye park development was approved. He asks whether the NCCC wants to draft an appeal, but Marcus suggests it may be better to adopt the position of being an interested party, noting that some Ainslie residents are likely to lodge their own appeal.

5. Other business

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next General meeting will be held on 16 June.