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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



Minutes: General Meeting 7pm 16 June 2021

Minute taker for the meeting: Jochen Zeil

Attendance: Bruce Smith, Ian Hubbard, Marianne Albury-Colless, Jochen Zeil, Sue Dyer, Jane Goffman, Angela Rymer, Geoff Francis, Susan Davidson, Janet Wayne, Marcus Hipkins, Margaret Dudley, Margaret Henderson, Gordon McAllister

Observers: Rebecca Vassarotti, Shane Rattenbury

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Lea Durie of the Demonstration Housing Project (EPDSD) team in the ACT Government provided an update on the project.
2. Tony Trobe and Dan xxxx of one of the Demonstration Housing projects (In Loco) delivered a presentation on their O'Connor-based project.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of previous General Meeting minutes

The April meeting minutes are accepted (with clarifications re Hackett/Lyneham finances).

REPORTS

2. Chair's report

- (a) Jochen notes disappointment about NCA decision regarding the development of the War Memorial regardless of negative community feedback. Marianne points to ways ahead (a planned vigil & correspondence by the ACT Greens).
- (b) Jochen updates on activities regarding the developments at Thoroughbred Park and Yowani Golf Club and NCCC pursuit of a Master Plan for both areas. Jochen will have a meeting with David Maxwell, Management Director of Ginninderry.
- (c) Jochen draws attention to ongoing consultations regarding the review of the Natural Resource Management Plan.
- (d) ...and consultation regarding District Planning to happen on 24 June at the Ainslie Football Club. Sue Dyer comments on the strange selection procedure for this workshop.

3. Treasurer's report

Bruce sent a report before the meeting. Current balance is \$ 5395. Payments: website costs for Ainslie; further establishment of Dickson Resident Association website; 97% of

2021 grant is spent. Next steps: invoice to government; having accounts reviewed; call for proposals to resident associations. Need for resident associations to report on activities.

4. Residents' associations update

Dickson: Jane Goffman justifies need for NCCC FOI requests regarding crucial background reports and communications in relation to Draft Variations 369. Jochen suggests to limit FOI to reports rather than all communications.

Geoff Davidson: Reports on an ACAT hearing on a Braddon development.

Lyneham: Angela Rymer reports that they got a Government grant for a photo competition and locked in Light up Lyneham. Gordon McAllister has stepped down as chair and Andrea Simmons has stepped up to represent Lynham Resident Association. Angela says that they want to stay involved in the Yowani/Thoroughbred area, concerned with having a green corridor there. Marianne reminds of other community spaces being partially developed by current leaseholders.

Reid: Marianne: Unsuccessful with restoration/renovation of 5 heritage listed pillar posts (original signposts) because TTCS did not provide funding support; problems with Fix-my-Street complaints being lost at TTCS; Labor promised pedestrian/cycling infrastructure & improving safety but nothing seems to happen, no response from Chris Steel to letter by Reid Resident Association.

O'Connor: Janet Wayne introduces herself as the rep from the O'Connor Community Inc who have just joined NCCC; successfully applied for 2021 Sign Canberra Festival transformations; will try to organize event for 14 November to encourage Art and Creativity in the community and to reduce burden on environment. They are thinking of self-guided tours, open houses, studios and gardens, talks, music in the park and outdoor exhibitions, Flagged looking for funding support.

Braddon: Susan Davidson. The Braddon Collective supports the Reid representative's comments regarding improved bike paths and connectivity and offers support with funding requests for Reid heritage signpost activities. The Collective's submission to the Braddon infrastructure design includes better bike paths and connections between Braddon and Dickson and the city; has concerns regarding all infrastructure improvements being centred on Lonsdale St rather than balanced across Lonsdale, Mort and Elouera; the Collective involves residents and businesses and concentrates on building community; is working with government on planning upcoming street art festival and will hold another busking festival in 2021; Haig Park activities and upgrades have encouraged greater use of the park.

Downer: Geoff Francis says that Downer supports push for sensible planning of Thoroughbred Park/Yowani. Bruce had communications with school agency regarding need for another school in North Canberra.

Ainslie: Marcus has not heard anything new about decisions regarding Ainslie Football club development. Bill Pye park development application has gone to ACAT. Ian Hubbard reports on ACAT directions hearing, review of development approval for high density housing including issues with trees, mediation on 17 June. Ian comments on imbalance of payed professional experts on one side and a few residents on the other side. Not a level playing field. Marianne points out that it is important to know what can be talked about at mediation and what not.

Other business

Meeting closed at 21:00.

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next General meeting will be held on 18 August.