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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 18 August 2021 Online via Zoom

Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Jochen Zeil, Marcus Hipkins, Brook Clinton, Bruce Smith, Christopher Mobbs, Gordon McAllister, Ernestine Kirsch, Sue Dyer, Margaret Ann-Henderson, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Max Pouwer Paul Costigan, Peter Callan, Leon Arundell, John Skene, Angela Rymer, Warwick Lavers

Observers: Peter Cain MLA, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. The Shadow Minister for Planning and Land Management Peter Cain MLA discussed his views on local planning issues and took questions from NCCC members.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Confirmation of previous General Meeting minutes
 - a. The June General Meeting minutes were confirmed.

REPORTS

2. Chair's report

- a. Jochen Zeil reminded members of the internal NCCC working group meeting next week to discuss the ACT Planning Review.
- b. Jochen advised that Jane Goffman had lodged a Freedom of Information request on the Heritage Council's determination of the Original Canberra Aerodrome at Dickson nomination, which was recently agreed to..
- c. Jochen provided an update from his meeting with the Suburban Land Agency regarding the idea of having Canberra Thoroughbred Park and the Yowani Golf Club repurposed for suburban development. The Suburban Land Agency suggested this would be best canvassed with the relevant MLAs, and also suggested the NCCC prepare a full developed proposal (notwithstanding that the resources required for this may be within the relevant Government departments).
 - i. The discussion focused on whether this was an appropriate request or whether it is the role of the NCCC to have to develop the technical work.

3. Treasurer's report

- a. Bruce Smith provides advises that the current balance is \$4,290 and that there has been so grant expenditure since July. The independent financial review for the 2020-21 reports is also underway. The NCCC has also received the deed of grant for this financial year which has now been signed.
- b. Bruce advises on the proposals received so far for the 2021-22 grant period, noting that a few residents associations have not yet had a chance to put through bids. The NCCC agrees that the Committee will review the proposals with a need for immediate funding via email correspondence and the proposals for planned funding be considered at the next appropriate monthly Committee meeting.
- c. Bruce outlines a proposal for a social media intern, who would be responsible for boosting the NCCC's social media presence over a three-month period. There is a wide-ranging discussion about the proposal, including with regards to the NCCC's overall approach to communications and in terms of how any short term internship could provide ongoing benefit to the NCCC. It is agreed that the proponents of the proposal come back with a proposal that incorporates a broader communications strategy for further consideration.

4. Residents' associations update

- a. Ainslie – Marcus Hipkins advised that there haven't been any developments with the Bill Pye park or the Ainslie Football Club decisions at this stage.
- b. Braddon – Ernestine Kirsch advised that the Braddon Collective's feedback on the proposed Lonsdale street upgrades noted many of the proposals would be highly beneficial, but a major issue was that the upgrades focussed purely on Lonsdale Street at the expense of Mort Street.
- c. Campbell – Margaret Henderson noted that they have over 600 signatures on their petition regarding increased on-street parking in Campbell (which will be sent to Elizabeth Lee to lodge in the Legislative Assembly).
- d. Dickson – Peter Callan reported that on the Woolley street upgrade, there is going to be a meeting the following day with the new Dickson Place manager, which is hoped will establish a more positive relationship.
- e. Hackett – Christopher Mobbs advised that the mural on the brick wall behind the Hackett Shops has recently been completed.
- f. Lyneham – Angela Rymer advised that Light Up Lyneham went well, with approximately 850 people attending.
- g. Reid - Marianne Albury-Colless advised that the tensions around knock-down-rebuild developments in suburbs with significant heritage value such as Reid are becoming more prevalent, with a recent auction on Euree street being promoted as a knock down rebuild opportunity (despite the heritage regulations in the suburb).

5. Other business

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next General meeting will be held on 20 October.