

Protecting, promoting and enhancing the economic, cultural, social and environmental well-being of the residents of North Canberra

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Minutes: Committee meeting 7pm 15 September 2021 Held online via Zoom

Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Jochen Zeil, Simon Clarke, Brooke Clinton, Marg Dudley, Margaret Henderson, Bruce Smith, Geoff Francis, Angela Rymer, Gordon McAllister, Marianne Albury-Colless, Enerstine Kirsch, Peter Callan,

A. Confirmation of previous committee meeting minutes

- a. The July Committee Meeting minutes were confirmed.

B. Chair's Update

a. Update on Bill Pye Park development application

- i. The judgement has been handed down on the Bill Pye Park proposal but the full reasons have not yet been published. It is also unclear whether the decision would be appealed by YWCA or ACTPLA.
- ii. The discussion focussed on how to maximise good quality design and location for social housing. It is agreed that it is more appropriate to embed social housing in North Canberra suburbs (particularly to maximise access to shops/facilities) rather than ad hoc approaches that concentrate social housing in areas with relatively limited access to shops and services.

b. Update on DV369 (addressing plot ratios)

- i. Jochen notes that there are regulations around the ratio of a house to property size, but a range of things are exempt including granny flats, saunas, etc. At the same time that we have strategies around green space and tree canopies, we have the proliferation of a 'mc-mansion' approach to development which reduces green space.
- ii. Margaret Henderson notes the importance of canopy cover requirements for housing and similar measures, noting that a broad target of 30% is likely insufficient in light of the expected change in climate conditions in the coming decades.

c. Discussion of ACT Planning Review

- i. Jochen advises there are no substantive updates on the Planning Review process.
- ii. There is discussion as to whether there would be any benefit to putting out some preliminary ideas of what the Planning System will be, including preparing an opinion piece. However, it is also acknowledged that, to utilise our energy most effectively, the NCCC could wait until a clearer picture of the proposed reforms emerges before making any official statement.

C. Preparation for 2021 AGM

- a. Jochen notes that the AGM is due to be held next month. There is some discussion that we could invite Elizabeth Lee to present at the AGM, along with Shane Rattenbury and Andrew Barr, with an emphasis on discussing the planning review. The Committee agrees to continue discussing potential options via email.

D. Treasurer's Update

- a. Bruce Smith advises the current balance is \$4,020. Payments since the beginning of financial year have been mainly administrative, with the main activity being the commencement of the social media communications project.

E. Update from resident/community associations

- a. Bruce (Hackett) raises the issue of developments which result in the reduction of sites for community groups.
- b. Enerstine (Braddon) advises that they have been asked to provide comment on the upcoming Summernats, noting that a part of the event will be held on Lonsdale street.
- c. Peter (Dickson) advises that the standard of communication and consultation from TP Dynamics has continued to be poor, resulting in ongoing confusion for shoppers with street and footpath closures at the Dickson shops.
- d. Marianne (Reid) notes that a new Mr Fluffy house has been identified in Reid.

F. Other business

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternate months. The next Committee meeting will be held on 17 November.