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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 21 July 2021 Online via Zoom

**Minute taker for the meeting:** Chris Finnigan

**Attendance:** Jochen Zeil, Simon Clarke, Brooke Clinton, Marg Dudley, Bruce Smith, Geoff Francis, Angela Rymer, Gordon McAllister, Marianne Albury-Colless

**Observers:** Paul Costigan

### **A. Confirmation of previous committee meeting minutes**

- a. The May meeting minutes are confirmed.

### **B. Chair's Update**

- a. Jochen Zeil brought up the Planning Review process. A number of NCCC members have been involved in the consultation on the North Canberra 'district plan'. The 'listening report' document that has been circulated has a reductive description of community feedback (eg. "create a mix of housing" "maintain or reinstate inner north schools"). It is noted that this cuts against the grain of the recommendations that were actually provided by the NCCC around specific proposals (such as where different areas of density could be located).
  - i. Jane Goffman noted there has been a slight variation in the terminology of the districts (from "District Plans" to "district strategies") however it is currently unclear what the implications are.
  - ii. The discussion also focused on how a vaguer district system that may favour vaguer guidelines (such as 'in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood) as opposed to more objective guidelines (such as '6 metres from the kerb').
  - iii. Jochen proposes to send the Listening Report to MLAs Gentleman, Rattenbury, Vassarotti and Cain to drive home the poor quality of the consultation, accompanied with a letter outlining the NCCC's concern.
- b. Jochen then raised the actual planning documents that Jane circulated around, which a number of members have been reading.

- i. Jane notes that some of the consistent themes in the (briefly worded) paper are around the premise that the current system is 'too prescriptive'.
- c. Jochen advised that there is a meeting with Suburban Land Agency where he will convey the view that the Yowani and Thoroughbred Park sites should be considered as major opportunities for urban development as a whole, not just segments being sold incrementally to meet the club's budgetary pressures.
- d. Jochen had a meeting with Doug Millen from the Suburban Land Agency and Lindsay from the developers today about the upcoming Dickson construction to discuss the leafletting/information that had been provided on the development.
- e. Jochen also conveyed that Enerstine Kirsch from the Braddon Collective got in touch to advise the Braddon Place developers (with the development bordering on Haig Park) had been ignoring emails and Jochen advised that they had started doing that to him too, in stark contrast to the sentiments conveyed when the developers met with NCCC earlier in 2021.

### **C. Treasurer's Update**

- a. Bruce Smith advised the current balance is \$4,290, which mainly comprises the remainder of the 2020-21 grant.
- b. Bruce also noted that the NCCC needs to undertake a financial review for 2020-21, which suggestions sought on potential accountants for the review.
- c. Bruce also provides an update on an idea from the Hackett Association where an intern could assist with establishing a social media presence. The discussion focusses on how a social media strategy could be best utilised, with agreement that a more detailed proposal will be developed for consideration.

### **D. Update from resident/community associations**

- a. Marianne (Reid) advised that they are hoping to have a chain mail fence around Reid Park near limestone avenue to assist the safety for children.
- b. Jane (Dickson) raised two major issues:
  - i. TP Dynamics, the developer for the Coles in Dickson, had put up some signs last week, however some of them are barely legible. There has also been nothing in letterboxes around notification of the building works. She notes that when the carpark closes next Monday, it is likely to cause major disruption.
  - ii. Jane also provided an update on Section 72, noting that she would meet with the operators of Dickson Pool to discuss ways of assisting them, noting that the carpark is going to be utilised by Dickson shoppers. Jane also notes that she is examining ways to strengthen the pool as a community asset (such as through an indoor pool and a hydrotherapy pool).

- c. Angela (Lyneham) flags that people should nominate dates if they're interested in the Environmental Defenders Office workshop and that Light Up Lyneham is on 4-8pm next week.
- d. Marg (Campbell) notes that Constitution Avenue will be reduced to single lane while the residential developments are developed and a range of other constructions will contribute to traffic congestion at the same time that the major light rail works on Commonwealth Avenue will be causing congestion in that direction. To that end, the ACT Opposition Leader Elizabeth Lee will put a petition to the Legislative Assembly to note the parking issues for Campbell and to call for a plan to address the parking issues in Campbell (with a minimum of 500 signatures sought).

## **E. Other business**

### **Close of meeting**

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next Committee meeting will be held on 15 September.