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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: Committee meeting 7pm 20 April 2022 Held online via Zoom

Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Marcus Hipkins, Joachim Zeil, Brook Clinton, Enerstine Kirsch, Gordon McAllister, Jane Goffman, Janet Wayn, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless,

Observers: Jessica Hillcrest, Margaret Cossey, Mayumi, Sabrina Caldwell, Alvaro Macias, Tania Parkes, Drew Jamieson, Blaz Segavac

Apologies: Bruce Smith, Angela Rymer, Simon Clarke

- 1. Guest presentation by the Suburban Land Agency on Turner Block 2 Section 57 (on Northbourne Avenue)**
- 2. Guest presentation by residents of Forum apartments regarding Geocon's proposed development at 70 Allara St**
- 3. Confirmation of previous committee meeting minutes**
 - a. The February minutes were confirmed.
- 4. Chair's Update**
 - a. Joachim Zeil advised he had recently attended another consultation session for the ACT Planning Review but noted that there had been no substantive updates or anything that would change his assessment of the process and quality of consultation so far.
 - b. Joachim advised we had received a request for the NCCC to help to protect a strip of land near the War Memorial. Given it was more related to the nature reserve, he would meet up with the ecological and environmental expert Professor Jamie Pittock from the ANU to discuss what can be done.
 - c. Joachim notes that he was contacted by someone from the ACT Liberals who advised they are preparing a planning policy for the next ACT election and were seeking the views of the Community Councils to inform their policy development. Joachim advised he would meet with the representative from ACT Liberals next week and asked members to provide their thoughts on potential topics to raise.

5. NCCC Social media sub-group update

- a. Marcus Hipkins advised that following some technical difficulties with the account, the NCCC now has a more active social media presence. The plan for the next few months is to maintain a consistent presence with a couple of posts per week.
- b. Chris Finnigan suggested a few things that members could do to support the NCCC's social media presence in the short term, such as getting friends and family to 'like' the Facebook page.

6. Treasurer's Update

- a. In Bruce Smith's absence, Joachim notes that there is \$8,211 in the bank, with the expenditure over the previous month mainly relating to funding support for the Reid Residents Association to print leaflets.

7. Updates from resident/community associations were provided via email and are included below in Attachment A.

Close of meeting

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

Attachment A - Residents Association Updates

Braddon Collective

- The Haig Park community noticeboard magically appeared overnight (top end of Lonsdale Street) and is constructed from a former tree from the park. The Braddon Collective (BC) will add a poster to the collection of election faces soon.
- BC had a quarterly meeting with the City Renewal Authority (CRA) on 5 April 2022. Key highlights from this meeting are as follows:
 - Footfall data (based on mobile phone data) is now being collected by CRA to monitor usual footfall compared to footfall during events. Footfall data shows a significant increase in footfall during events such as Enlighten and Summernats Fringe Festival. This data will be very useful in gauging the success of future events in Braddon (including trader impacts).
 - A TV advertising campaign (known as the "More Than" campaign) has been successful, and includes a Braddon element which proved the most popular (focused on food and beverages).
 - Independent researchers have been engaged to consult with businesses and residents regarding spending of the [City Centre Marketing and Improvements Levy](#). BC will be requested to join these discussions. Following the consultation, there will be workshops to discuss the findings and how to address them.
 - The Garden City Cycle Route is progressing, with the procurement process underway to select a consultant to design the route and how it connects. BC has been nominated as a stakeholder.
 - The commencement of the Lonsdale St upgrade has been delayed but the start date is likely pushed back by a matter of months.
 - The Mort St upgrade has also been delayed for capacity reasons. Design has not yet commenced, and there is no timeframe yet.
- upcoming event - Braddon Modern History Tour
 - we are part of the [Heritage Festival](#) with two walking tours of the Braddon "H" on Sunday 1 May. Please join us!! Tickets are here: <https://braddoncollective.com/>
- upcoming review - Braddon Place Plan
 - CRA have informed us that there will be a review of the Braddon Place Plan during 2022.
- e-Petition to upgrade Braddon Park - still ongoing!
 - a sub-group of Braddon Collective, the Friends of Braddon Parks, has an e-Petition with the Legislative Assembly to urge the ACT Government to upgrade Braddon Park. This park is a pocket park in Lowanna Street (behind what was formerly known as Fenner Hall)
 - petition **closes on 29 April** - link to the e-Petition is here: <https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetId=210&Index=-1>
 - **Action item:** please sign our petition (if you haven't done so already!)

Campbell Community Association

- Two letters sent to Rebecca Vassarotti re progress of DV369 (can be provided if anyone is interested). No response as yet.
- Letter sent to Chris Steel regarding client parking in the new Mica development at the Campbell shops. The developer amended the original DA to fulfil the obligation to provide public parking spaces for staff and customers of the new commercial units on the ground floor of the development, however access to these spaces is now blocked by a locked security door to the parking area. In a reply, Chris

Steele has said that this is a private issue to be pursued directly with the developers even though it apparently contravenes the requirements of the DA. Ongoing.

- Following up with NBN Co regarding provision of NBN to Campbell residents. Promised in early 2022. No response to date.
- Weed identification workshop organised for 28 April to help determine “friend from foe” in park restoration project.
- Information requested as to the possible start date of the Campbell shops upgrade. It is slated to “begin shortly” and will take six months to complete
- Tai chi classes continuing in Campbell Scout Hall and increasing in popularity. All welcome. See CCA Facebook page for details if you are interested in joining us
- A planting working bee was held on 27 March as part of the ongoing work to regenerate the park behind the Campbell shops by restoring much of the understory in this remnant yellowbox/redgum woodland
- Representatives from the CCA, Ainslie and Reid joined Dr Shane West and Professor James Pittock to examine the small remnant of grassland along Quick Street to determine how best to conserve what is left

Dickson Residents Group

- In March DRG wrote to TP Dynamics, developer of the major mixed use project underway in the shopping centre, to congratulate them on the attractive artwork featuring the Chinese zodiac on their hoarding, but heard nothing in reply - so relations still have room for improvement. Unfortunately it took six months for the developer to comply with or the govt to enforce their own condition of DA approval relating to the hoarding, while exposing the community to unacceptable hazards and loss of amenity
- In April Jane liaised with Major Projects Canberra on a proposed new Canberra Tracks sign on the Common Ground project site recognising the original Canberra Aerodrome’s landing ground, with a ground plaque at its centre - construction on this social housing project is progressing well and handover to the government is likely to take place in June
- DRG recently wrote to Minister Berry re Dickson Pool, Section 72, and Dickson College
- There’s been no information so far from City Renewal Authority about delays starting the Woolley Street Upgrade which was scheduled to start at the end of February, but we’re expecting to meet with them and find out more in the next fortnight
- Our Dickson Community Survey has been delayed, so we’ve decided to postpone the Outreach event until further notice

Lyneham Community Association

- Successful launch of the Lyneham and North O’Connor Heritage Trail on 10 April, during the ACT Heritage Festival. Minister for Environment and Heritage Rebecca Vassarotti MLA unveiled the wayfinding map at Lyneham shops and then the first heritage walk was held around the southern side of Lyneham and in North O’Connor. A second heritage walk is being held on 24 April from St Ninians Church through the northern side of Lyneham. The website will be finished shortly.

- One of our members has established an E-petition about traffic congestion in Brigalow Street next to Brindabella Christian College and Lyneham Primary School and potential for collisions between pedestrians and cars entering the BCC carpark. <https://epetitions.act.gov.au/CurrentEPetition.aspx> More signatures welcome as we are nearly up to the 500 required for it to be referred to an Assembly Committee.
- Work slowly progressing on our two park regeneration projects
- Our AGM is being held on 1 May. A number of committee members are stepping down so we will need some new volunteers to keep up our activities.

Reid Residents Association

Highlights

1. With the completion of Phase 1 Inner North Pebble signposts, Ernestine Kirsch & I are currently preparing a Heritage Grant application to undertake Phase 2 of the following 'Rockite' pebble signposts:
 - I. Allambee/Pialligo – short (Reid) (RHP)
 - II. Coranderrk/Elimatta – short (Reid) (RHP)
 - III. Doonkuna/Corandeerck, short (Reid), off site
 - IV. Donaldson/Limestone – short (Braddon)
 - V. Elder/Limestone – short (Braddon)
 - VI. Limestone Ave/Alt Cres – tall (Ainslie) (ACHP*)

It is encouraging to have had the Heritage Unit confirm receipt of written advice from Roads ACT 'that Roads ACT does 'play a part in the ownership of the Heritage signs'' and so should be able to assist with inquiries regarding a grant application'.

2. We had good attendance at our AGM 30 March.
 - I. Luke Garner & Suzanna Holmes provided an update on UNSW Canberra City Campus There have been major changes in the UNSW Canberra City Campus leadership team & COVID-19 has seen somewhat a slowdown in this major project. However, little has changed regarding the original design work. Concerns were raised about the interface between St John's, the land retained by Act Government and the campus and also the Railway Reserve (parallel to Amaroo Street).
 - II. Philip Leeson, ACT Heritage Advisory service, provided thorough advice on how to go about using this free service and what may or may not achieve approval from the ACT Heritage Council regarding changes to heritage-listed properties.
3. 'The Roaring Twenties in Reid, our contribution to the 'ACT Heritage Festival 'Curiosity' on 10 April, Dirrawan Gdns, was huge fun. The classic cars were stunning, costumes were great, the Tilt Trio jazz played three hours of terrific music, eight members of Canberra Swing Katz swung us into action including Minister Vassarotti MLA who joined in the dance classes. We held two walks to the revived pebble posts & the Ainslie Primary School P&C's baked goodies stall was a real hit particularly with Minister Stephen-Smith MLA & Shadow Minister for Heritage Nicole Lawder MLA. So good to see our representatives joining in. Our numbers were lower than anticipated but that Sunday included the CT's Marathon and the Refugee rally in Glebe Park, so we certainly had some competition.

Issues

The ACT Reserve on the foothills of Mt Ainslie (adjacent to Quick St) is a remnant woody grassland. This area requires input to conserve its considerable natural values: the significance of the diversity

including threatened flora & fauna & the healthy central tract of *Themeda triandra* (Kangaroo grass). Ainslie and Campbell suburbs adjoin in this area – we hope we can involve community support to ensure its survival.