

Minutes: Committee meeting 7pm 15 June 2022  
Held online via Zoom

**Minute taker for the meeting: Ernestine Kirsch**

**Attendance:** Marcus Hipkins, Joachim Zeil, Jane Goffman, Chris Finnigan, Ernestine Kirsch, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Christopher Mobbs, Ian Hubbard

**Observer:** Paul Costigan

**Apologies:** Bruce Smith, Simon Clarke, Gordon McAllister, Peter Callan

**1. Confirmation of previous committee meeting minutes**

- a. The April 2022 minutes were confirmed.
- b. Updates to the minutes:
  - i. (Chair's update item (b)) Joachim Zeil advised that he has met with Jamie Pittock about plans to add Ainslie Volcanics to the Canberra Nature Park. Joachim will contact Stuart Jeffress, ACT Parks and Conservation Service, to discuss further.
  - ii. (Chair's update item (c)) Joachim had been contacted by Dan Carton who is seeking input to the development of ACT Liberals planning policy.

**2. Chair's Update**

- a. Joachim gave some background on the need to make a NCCC submission on the Planning Bill. Committee members present considered the draft submission on the Bill prepared by Jane Goffman. Minor amendments were made to the content of the submission. All agreed on the final version and Jochen agreed to lodge the submission online prior to the 15 June 11.59pm deadline.  
  
Joachim further agreed to send a copy of the submission to Committee members once finalised and submitted. The committee thanked Jane for her work on the submission with input from Marcus Hipkins and Joachim.
- b. Christopher Mobbs gave background on the Monash Drive issue and the removal of Monash Drive from the National Capital Plan. Committee members agreed that a letter relating to the removal of Monash Drive

should be circulated by email for comment and input. Following this, the letter will be considered for approval at the July 2022 General meeting.

- c. Joachim noted the increasing concern about the impact of barking dogs in neighbourhoods. It was agreed that the NCCC would write to Minister Steele alerting him to the ongoing issue of barking dogs.
- d. Joachim outlined plans for the NCCC and ISCCC to write a joint letter to the ACT Government to request an increase in funding for 2022-23. The letter will highlight the need for funding to increase activities in the social media space and increasing costs involved in online communications.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the letter should be from all community councils (not just NCCC and ISCCC). The focus of the letter should be expanded to include a need for funds to increase education and professional development of committee members and members of residents' associations (particularly on planning matters).

Jochen agreed to send around the letter for everyone to look at and provide suggestions on how to boost the content. The letter will then go to ISCCC and then Combined Community Councils ACT for them to consider.

- e. Preparation for the forthcoming AGM will be via email.

### **3. NCCC Social media sub-group update**

- a. Chris Finnigan advised that he has been able to monitor NCCC's social media presence through data based on engagement with recent posts. The post on disputes in strata buildings had been the most popular. Each post has between 100-300 people viewing.
- b. Chris suggested NCCC considered spending money on boosting Facebook posts to have a post seen by more people (perhaps one per month). Jane agreed that boosting a post increased exposure.

While some posts will necessarily be longer to share information on the NCCC's position on a given issue, it is also important to have posts with picture content that are short and succinct as this can engage a wider audience.

### **4. Treasurer's Update**

- a. In Bruce Smith's absence, Joachim showed recent bank statements and noted that there is \$5033.60 in the bank.
- b. Bank statements/current balances will be shared at each meeting.

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

- a. Additional updates from residents' associations:
  - i. Ainslie Football Club: Marcus gave an update on the recent ACAT hearing – the Tribunal has reserved their decision and it could take weeks to hear the outcome. Meantime EPSDD has approved a separate development application for a child care centre without waiting for the ACAT decision. The committee

agreed to Marcus submitting a request for review of the EPSDD decision and paying the application fee.

Marcus agreed to write talking points in case either review is raised in the media. Marcus will circulate these to the committee for review.

- ii. Relocation of public housing tenants in Ainslie: Ian Hubbard updated the committee on relocation of public housing tenants and reported that tenants are being given the option to opt out of relocation, however, tenants are only given 48 hours to write a submission to opt out.
- iii. Issues in Reid: Marianne Albury-Colless updated the committee on break-ins in properties in Reid and the volunteer work that is planned for an area adjacent to Quick Street in Ainslie.

## **6. Other business**

- a. Technical Amendment to V369: Jane updated the committee on the technical amendment which will go out for public comment. There are concerns that the amendment will not be in place prior to the Variation commencing on 1 September 2022.
- b. Garden City Cycle Route: Ernestine Kirsch noted the promise of the Labor government to provide funding towards the development of the Garden City Cycle Route. Marcus and Ian are interested in being kept updated. Jane will ask Bruce Pink (Dickson) to get in touch with Ernestine and they will contact Pedal Power ACT to see how we can advocate further for the cycle route.
- c. Presentation at next meeting: Ernestine suggested Alice Hathorn be invited to the next meeting to give a presentation about the restoration of a pocket park in Weston Creek and her experience of increasing biodiversity. All agreed.

## **Close of meeting**

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

## **Attachment A - Residents Association Updates**

### Braddon Collective

#### *Garden City Cycle Route*

The Labor party committed to funds for the cycle route

<https://citynews.com.au/2022/labor-pledges-5m-for-cycle-path-upgrades/>

Do any residents' groups want to join forces to contact our local MP to see what this means for the progress of the project?

#### *Other happenings*

We are continuing to see delays on the following City Renewal Authority projects in Braddon:

1. Haig Park Community Centre - weather, health regulations and supply chain issues have caused delays
2. Lonsdale Street upgrades - no news from CRA on starting date
3. Mort Street upgrades - no news from CRA on commencement of design phase

The following issues have emerged in the management of Haig Park:

- damage to grass due to Haig Park markets - CRA is working with stakeholders to prepare a package of work to trial treatments to address the grass issue - this work will commence in second half of 2022
- new 'desire line' footpaths - there have been ongoing issues with the material used for the diagonal 'soft' footpaths that were installed in Haig Park. The new east-west concrete paths (and new lighting) have been well-received but the diagonal pathways have had numerous issues. The BC is continuing to provide feedback to CRA on this issue.

In good news, a small group of residents have met with the building manager of an ACT Government social housing building in Henty Street and will take over the upkeep of the community garden on the premises.

### Campbell Community Association

Campbell Report for NCCC - June 2022

#### **DV 369 - Living infrastructure**

On 7 June 2022, the Campbell Community Association (CCA) received a response from Minister Gentleman re the recent amendment that concerned residents. An extract from the letter is below:

"I have heard concerns similar to yours about when and where the variation will apply, so I have asked the planning and land authority to prepare a Technical Amendment to provide absolute certainty to the community and developers about the intent of the variation.

The amendment will make it clear that the living infrastructure provisions apply to any blocks in established areas, including single dwellings, subdivisions and consolidations. It includes blocks approved under an estate development plan before 1 January 2020 or for which a lease was granted before 1 January 2020.

The Technical Amendment will have a 20 working day consultation period and be introduced at the same time the variation commences, being 1 September 2022. I expect this to be released in the coming weeks and encourage you to make a comment when it is available. It will be available at [www.planning.act.gov.au](http://www.planning.act.gov.au).

The only exception is blocks that were approved under an estate development plan on or after 1 January 2020, that is, all new residential blocks approved since January 2020."

#### **Parking and traffic in Campbell**

On 7 June 2022, the CCA received a response from Minister Steel about the 25 additional commercial parking spaces in the Mica development at the Campbell shops. The CCA had requested additional parking spaces to ease pressure on parking in the area and as a condition of approval of the DA. The Minister advised that these 25 spaces now included in the completed development are not public parking spaces. The Minister also advised that parking issues at the shops will be looked at in the whole-of-Campbell parking strategy.

#### **NBN**

Poor mobile phone and internet access for telco customers remains an issue in Campbell. NBN and service providers have been seen working with new cabling along nature strips, but problems persist for some residents.

#### **Parks and community gardens**

Three of Campbell's garden/parkcare groups have upcoming working bees planned for June/July. Hassett Park group: new tree plantings, C5-Greenwich gardeners: Floriade bulbs and flowers, Kuga park parkcare; new tree and garden plantings.

#### **Downer Community Association**

- The Downer Community Association has asked the Heritage Council to reconsider its decision to replace the former Pinus Radiata trees with canary pines, taking into account the solar access and other concerns of the Bradfield Residents Group.
- We have been advised that an application for a grant to build a bike track near the corner of Melba and Bonython Streets has been successful. DCA is the auspicing agent for this grant.
- The committee will hold a special meeting in July, to consider updates to its 2002 constitution.
- The selection committee has interviewed candidates for the position of Downer centre coordinator, and has made its recommendations. We expect to employ our new coordinator from 1 July.
- The committee has agreed to work with SEE-Change on a second business case to replace our gas space heaters with electric heat pumps.