

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

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MINUTES

General meeting 7.00pm Wednesday 17 February 2021
Held online via Zoom

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GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. ACT Health provided a presentation on the Canberra Hospital Master Plan, which would inform the development of the Canberra Hospital over the next twenty years. Feedback on the Master Plan can be provided to ACT Health [here](#).
2. Canberra Racing Club, along with architects Planitstrategic, updated the NCCC on their proposal to rezone parts of Thoroughbred Park for residential development. Work is underway with regards to securing a Territory Plan variation in advance of a development period over the next 10 years (with an estimated 3000 dwellings and buildings of between 4 to 6 stories), with Planitstrategic expected to come back with a further update to NCCC in 2021.

STANDING ITEMS

1) Attendance and apologies

- a) Minute taker: Chris Finnigan
- b) Members: Jane Goffman, Jochen Zeil, Marcus Hipkins, Bruce Smith, Bruce Pink, Ernestine Kirsch, Margaret-Anne Henderson, Marianne Albury-Colless, Peter Callan, Phil Burns, Gordon McAllister, Max Pouwer, Simon Clarke, Marg Dudley, Peter Wishart, Leon Arundell, Sue Dyer, Angela Rymer.
- c) Guests: Kip Tanner, Rebecca Vassarotti, Rowan Cumming, Elizabeth Lopa, Hope Watson, Andrew Clark
- d) Apologies: Michael Flynn

2) Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:

- a) The November General Meeting minutes were confirmed, with the minutes of the November Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be confirmed at the 2021 AGM.
- b) Jochen Zeil notes that, while two deputy NCCC Chairs were elected at the November AGM (in a co-sharing arrangement), it was subsequently realised that this arrangement would not be consistent with the NCCC Constitution. To resolve the issue, it is agreed that Marianne Albury-Colless would resign and Jane Goffman be the sole deputy Chair.

GENERAL BUSINESS

REPORTS

3) Treasurer's report

- a) Bruce Smith advises that the current balance is \$13,334, and that the main expenditure to date in 2021 relates to:
 - i) Accounting software annual subscription;
 - ii) Domain name for the website;
 - iii) Annual insurance; and
 - iv) Funding ACAT appeals.
- b) Expected expenditure over the coming months includes a range of Residents Association activities that were approved late last year.
- c) Bruce also provides an update on the details of the NCCC's insurance arrangements, which covers Committee Meetings and can also be used to cover public meetings by Residents' Associations.

4) Chair's report

- a) With the upcoming review of the Territory Plan likely to be a major piece of work, Jochen suggests that it may be useful for NCCC members to look through the new planning system documents with regard to specific objectives or targets (eg. Better Development Application compliance, greater use of public good). Jochen will circulate for consideration a Paper for NCCC members to add key priorities.
- b) It is noted that a heritage nomination has been put in for Lake Burley Griffin (which is apparently happening in the context of the Commonwealth review of the Environmental Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act). Jochen asks whether the NCCC would be interested in supporting and there is broad agreement, with Sue Dyer and Jane Goffmann to write a submission in support on behalf of the NCCC.
- c) Jochen provides an update on the North Watson development on the remaining blocks on the Federal Highway, with the Kenny woodlands to be retained and the horse paddocks at the top of Antill street (near the corner with Negus Crescent) will be relocated to Pialligo park.

5) Committee decisions

- a) It is noted that there have been no major decisions other than the funding approvals outlined above.

6) Residents updates

- a) Simon (Watson) is planning a community meeting with regards to the Australian Institute of Entertainment (AIE) master plan for their development of the site of the old Watson high school (on Phillip Avenue). There are concerns about the numbers of trees that would be removed, a potential undersupply of parking (which would lead to traffic overflow), and a lack of clarity around noise reduction measures.
- b) Marianne Albury-Colless (Reid) provides an update on the University of New South Wales campus master plan. The Reid association has reviewed the plans and consider that, while there will potentially be some good architectural design, there are major concerns over traffic, parking, noise and light access (noting about 5000-6000 students would be using the campus, with up to 2000 as residents). The Reid associatio would like

to see a more detailed study undertaken to assess the various social, economic and environmental impacts.

- c) Peter Callan (Dickson) advises that there will be a Heritage Day hosted on 10 April featuring local history including information on 1926 RAAF disaster, including a morning tea at the Baptist church. He also notes that project work has started on the Common Ground site, with the Salvation Army site to be demolished. In relation to the Dickson shops Coles development, he advise that Coles wants to begin work in May (including closing off the Dickson carpark in August), which will evidently have major impacts on traffic flow in and around the Dickson shops through the remainder of 2021. The process for officially incorporating as a Dickson Residents Association is also underway.
- d) Marcus Hipkins (Ainslie) notes that the process to incorporate an Ainslie Residents Association is similarly underway, and that a decision on the Bill Pye Park Development Application has not yet been made.
- e) Marg Dudley (Campbell) advises the renovations of the Campbell Primary School have begun, along with the new dwellings in Academy Close. She notes that the traffic impacts will soon start to have an effect, particularly around in and around the Campbell shops.

OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSE

Future meetings

General meetings (7.00 pm, hosted via Zoom): 21 April