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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: Annual General Meeting 7pm 17 November 2021 Held online via Zoom

Minute taker for the meeting: Chris Finnigan

Attendance: Bruce Smith, Neil Parsons, Aaron Lovell, Cherill Hopkins, Simon Clarke, Marianne Albury-Colless, Jane Goffman, Marcus Hipkins, Ian Hubbard, Jochen Zeil, Marg Dudley, Sue Dyer, Ernerstine Kirsch, Max Power, John Ryan, Peter Callan, Geoff Davidson

Observers: Jackson Bohlsen, Peter Cain MLA, David Shearer, Edward Smyth, Eben Leifer, Paul Costigan,

AGM BUSINESS

1. NCCC SWOT analysis session (to discuss the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats relating to the workings of the NCCC)

- i. Jochen commences by noting some of the strengths of the NCCC, which include a high level of engagement in the issues from people within the community, including expertise among a number of people. Particularly in terms of the diversity of skills to be drawn upon.
- ii. A weakness relates to the fact that as NCCC members are volunteers, there is a risk of burnout, particularly due to the high level of activity and demand. There is a need to manage this workload conscientiously and keeping that engagement in a way that people can manage over a longer timeframe.
- iii. Another noted weakness is in relation to the power and financial imbalance between citizens on the one hand and Govt on the other.
- iv. An opportunity relates to a consistent interest by politicians, including Ministers, in hearing what our concerns are, so there is an opportunity to talk in a direct way with decision makers. Although there is a risk, more among developer stakeholders, that the NCCC can be used to tick a consultation box, and to make sure that we are not used as a prop
- v. A key threat is around the legitimacy of our representation i.e. how we can demonstrate that our views are representative of the broader community.

2. Discussion regarding Ainslie Football Club development (prior to AGM)

- a. Marcus Hipkins provides an update on the Ainslie Football Club proposal. Outlining the current rules for the site, the site is currently zoned Restricted Access Recreation.
- b. Marcus advises that public land management plans are required for public land of this nature, which are meant to go to the Minister for Planning and be approved through the Legislative Assembly.
- c. The AFC propose a childcare centre at the end of the site. And a Territory Plan variation to allow residential development at the northern end of the oval.
- d. Marcus notes that they would need a lease variation to get the childcare centre built. Marcus puts the question of how we approach it to the NCCC, with regards to whether we go to the media or otherwise engage.
- e. There is some discussion around whether the site would be appropriate for a childcare centre or how it relates to the financial health of the AFC. Some comments also note that the site could be suitable for a childcare centre, although also noting the fact that it would result in the loss of Sports and Recreation zoned land that may become more valuable for a growing Ainslie community overtime.
- f. David Shearer, the project lead consultant, advises that the driver is the long-term sustainability of the club, noting the changing environment with regards to the closing revenue streams from pokies. David advises the land will get re-valued, there will be a lease variation charge, and AFC will have to buy the land they have to develop. There is a discussion around when a potential presentation can be hosted.

3. Treasurer's report

- a. Bruce Smith provided an update from the Independent Reviewers Report for the 2020-21 financial year, which found the NCCC accounts for the past year to be a true and fair account of the Council's financial position, with total 2020-21 income of \$12,873 and expenses of \$13,477.

4. Confirmation of minutes from 2020 AGM

- a. The minutes are accepted.

5. Election of office bearers

a. Nominations for Chair

- i. Jochen Zeil's nomination is accepted (moved by Jane Goffman, seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

b. Nominations for Deputy Chair

- i. Jane Goffman's nomination is accepted (moved by Marcus Hipkins and seconded by Sue Dyer).

c. Nominations for Treasurer

- i. Bruce Smith's nomination is accepted (moved by Jane Goffman and seconded by Marianne Albury-Colless).

d. Nominations for Secretary

- i. There are two nominations for Secretary: John Ryan and Chris Finnigan. Chris Finnigan is elected following a membership vote.

e. Nominations for Media coordinator

- i. Marcus Hipkin's nomination is accepted (moved by Bruce Smith seconded by Jochen Zeil).

6. Nominations for NCCC by Residents Associations

- a. Ainslie** – Ian Hubbard and Marcus Hipkins
- b. Braddon** – Geoff Davidson and Ernerstine Kirsch
- c. Campbell** – Marg Dudley
- d. Dickson** – Peter Callan
- e. Watson** – Simon Clarke
- f. Lyneham** – Gordon McAllister, Angela Rymer
- g. Turner** – Neil Parsons
- h. Reid** – Marianne Albury-Colless
- i. Hackett** – Brooke Clinton

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are currently held on alternative months. The next general and committee meeting are to be determined by the incoming NCCC Committee.