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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: General Meeting 7pm 20 October 2021

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

**Attendance:** Geoff Davidson, Angela Rymer, Bruce Smith, Carrie Wright, Enerstine Kirsch, Gordon McAllister, Helen Sinclair, Janet Wayn, Margaret Henderson, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Mathew Bowes, Max Pouwer, Simon Clarke, Sara Cronan, Rosemary Belmings, Ian Hubbard, Sue Dyer, John Ryan, Jane Goffman, Irene Davies, Marcus Hipkins, Jochen Zeil

**Observers:** Peter Cain MLA, Patrick Pentony, Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Elizabeth Lee MLA, Tim Hollo, Ramon Bouckaert, Paul Costigan

### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Elizabeth Lee MLA (ACT Liberal Member for Kurrajong & Leader of the Opposition) and Tim Hollo (ACT Greens Candidate for the federal electoral division of Canberra) joined the meeting to listen into the discussion regarding some of the key issues raised by NCCC members over the past year.
2. Tim Hollo also gave a short presentation on his own previous experience as a community association member and organiser in the Inner North and the importance of community-led approaches to politics, and responded to questions from NCCC members on issues such as climate change and urban development.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 1. Confirmation of previous General Meeting minutes

- a. The August General Meeting minutes were confirmed with some minor changes.

### REPORTS

#### 2. Chair's report

- a. Jochen Zeil provided an update on an indicative land release in the block across Rex Hotel. Jochen advised that the consultation that will likely commence should highlight the issue regarding increased congestion and flow into the backstreets, which were not originally designed to handle the volume of traffic flows envisioned.

#### 3. Treasurer's report

- a. Bruce Smith advised there had been no payments since the last meeting.
- b. It was noted that the Ainslie Residents Association and Braddon Collective had been formally added to the NCCC insurance policy.
- c. Bruce requested agreement to the proposals for the 2021-22 year in the Paper presented to the meeting. The proposals were agreed, with members commending Bruce's work in administering the full allocation of the 2021-22 grant.

#### **4. Residents' associations update**

- a. Jane Goffman (Dickson) raised the issue around the lack of clarity on place names and street signs at Dickson Shops (for example, there are two roads called Dickson Place) from the Place Name Committee. Jane also noted that one of the pedestrian pathways through the Dickson shops (near the McDonalds) has been closed without any alternative provided. Jane also advised that the Dickson Residents Group would undertake a members survey.
- b. Marianne Albury-Colless (Reid) noted there will be a Mr Fluffy knock down rebuild in Reid.
- c. Margaret Dudley (Campbell) noted that they have received the plans for the Campbell shops upgrade, which include many of the suggestions that were put forward at the Campbell community association evening. Marg also advised that the Campbell newsletter had been going well.
- d. Ian Hubbard (Ainslie) advised that they had written to the YWCA and Rebecca Vassarotti MLA regarding potential ideas for alternative social housing development to the proposed development at Bill Pye Park.
- e. Angela Rymer (Lyneham) noted there was just one day consultation before the replacement of the toilet block at Lyneham shops.
- f. Ernerstine Kirsch (Braddon) advised that the Braddon Collective's feedback on the proposed Lonsdale Street upgrades noted many of the proposals would be highly beneficial, but a major issue was that the upgrades focussed purely on Lonsdale Street at the expense of Mort Street

#### **5. Other business**

##### **Close of meeting**

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The Annual General Meeting will be held on 17 November.