

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

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Agenda: General Meeting 7pm 21 September 2022 Online via Zoom

Minute takers for the meeting: Ernestine Kirsch

Attendance: Ernestine Kirsch, Chris Finnigan, Marcus Hipkins, Joachim Zeil, Gordon McAllister, Catherine Cronan, Margaret-Ann Henderson, Neil Parsons, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Melissa Holland, Ian Hubbard, Ian Ross, Sara Cronan, Ian Hubbard.

Observers: Nicole Doughty, Paul Costigan, Irena Sharp (SLA), Robert Walters (SLA), Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Jessica Hillcrest, Ian Ross, Malcolm Snow (CRA), Doug Millen (CRA), Joanna Lewis (Digital Health Record); Melinda (Digital Health Record), Peter O'Halloran (Digital Health Record), Tristan Lee-Murphy, Kathy Goth, Joanna Finlayson, Alexandra Beattie.

Apologies: Marg Dudley, John Tucker.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Suburban Land Agency presentation on the Indicative Land Release Program and project updates including:
 - a. release of land in North Watson
 - b. Build-to-Rent proposal in Turner
 - c. land release plans within remit of CRA in Civic.
2. ACT Health Directorate presentation on the new Digital Health Record system.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Confirmation of previous General Meeting minutes

- a. The July 2022 Minutes were confirmed (moved by Neil Parsons, seconded by Chris Finnigan).
- b. Update on history of the current approach of public and affordable housing targets in the Indicative Land Release Program (following the discussion at the July General Meeting).
 - Rebecca Vassarotti had agreed to investigate and report back on the history of the policy on 15% of new developments to be set aside for affordable housing.

- Rebecca noted that she has not been able to find all the information requested and, given the length of the presentations at this meeting, it was agreed that Rebecca could provide the update at a subsequent NCCC meeting.

REPORTS

4. Chair's report

- a. No report due to length of presentations at this meeting.

5. Update on Ainslie Football Club development

- a. Marcus gave an update on the AFC development and status of ACAT proceedings, noting that submissions have been lodged relating to the decision to approve the child care centre on site. The review highlights concerns regarding traffic and road safety impacts and the proximity of the child care centre to an arterial road. Also concerns about approval of a child care centre in a sport and recreation reserve.
- b. Nicole Doughty, new resident in Ainslie, asked about the status of the AFC project. Marcus provided some background relating to inconsistencies with the Territory Plan and need for a lease variation to be lodged for the project to proceed. Marcus noted that the NCCC is only able to respond to development applications as they arise (noting the incremental approach taken by AFC).
- c. Jochen noted that the issue folds into a broader issue around the trend of sporting clubs selling off community land to create a source of revenue (particularly as income from pokies dries up). Ernestine suggested this could be raised for consideration by the Combined Community Councils, given the issue touches on similar developments across Canberra.

6. Discussion on NCCC major strategic priorities

- a. This will be deferred to discussion at the next Committee Meeting.

7. Treasurer's report

- a. The current balance is \$4,042.90
- b. The list of expenditure proposals for 2022-23 were submitted by residents' associations prior to the meeting and circulated by Bruce Smith. It was noted that all proposals are within the remit of the grant provided by the ACT Government. All present agreed to the expenditure proposals.

8. Other business

- a. Marianne Albury Colless raised the issue around for the West Basin consultation. It is agreed that a letter will be drafted for final confirmation and Jochen's signature.
- b. Ernestine noted the recent consultation sessions on the proposed route of the Garden City Cycle Route which was attended by several NCCC members.

Close of meeting

Committee meetings and general meetings are held on alternative months. The next Committee meeting will be held on 19 October 2022.

Attachment A – Residents’ Association Updates

(Noting that some Residents’ Associations were unable to provide updates this month due to resourcing)

Braddon

Key points:

- plans are progressing for the Braddon Busking Festival on 23 October 2022.
- the Braddon Collective continues to advocate for the CRA to investigate the condition of the new “desire line” gravel paths in Haig Park. There has been some media on the topic as the paths are not fit for purpose.
- the next catch-up meeting with the CRA is on 27 September 2022 which is our opportunity to progress the issues we are currently focussed on (primarily pedestrian safety, condition of the grass in Haig Park at the site of the markets and use of the Haig Park Community Centre when it is finished).

Dickson

- DRG Committee met 1 Sep 2022
- Active Travel Plan response submitted
- DRG and CRA met 1 Sep, as part of maintaining and building our relationship
- CRA unable to shed light on continued closure of the Dickson Walk-in Clinic (outside of their remit); contacts in ACT Health provided at rapid pace to the DRG; ACT Health advised of looking to re-open prior to Christmas. Pending any late-Sep updates to the Walk-in Centre opening date, DRG to re-engage ACT Government in early-Oct.
- DRG member attended Common Ground visit (prior to formal opening). Anticipated opening is Oct 2022.
- DRG current focus is reviewing administration/outreach approaches prior to the end of the year, as part of continuous improvement/adjustment following the last couple of ‘Covid’ years.

Downer

The Downer Community Association has commenced developing a new website.

The ACT Government has approved an “Adopt-a-park” grant for the park bordered by Legge and Berry Streets. The grant is to development a 20 year master-plan for the site.

Reid

Highlights

RRA has received a 2022–23 ACT Heritage Grant of \$15,000 with matching funds from Roads ACT to complete Phase 2 ‘Reviving Inner North’s Pillar Signposts. The Heritage grant and Roads ACT funds cover the conservation work on the following signposts in the Ainslie and Reid heritage precincts:

1. Allambee/Pialligo-short
2. Coranderrk/Elimatta-short
3. Limestone Ave/Alt Cres-tall
4. Doonkuna/Coranderrk-short (off-site)
5. Patterson/Foveaux - short
6. Patterson/Baker – short

Roads ACT has agreed to fund the conservation of the remaining two Braddon pillar signposts at the following intersections:

1. Donaldson/*Pialligo Ave
2. Elder/*Pialligo Ave

*NB 'Pialligo' was replaced by the name Limestone

Archiving Reid records

Progressing – we are almost there.

Issues

Reid Park, Reid Sports Ground (aka Reid Oval)

Reid Park and its Sports Ground is entirely within the Reid Housing Precinct and, as such, there are certain heritage issues involved. There is a proposal to put a pre-cast pump station on the sports ground to facilitate watering the Sports Ground. The placement of such an unsightly object, in the view of RRA, does not comply with the heritage requirements.

Further, with the coming third La Nina event, the trees lining the Euree and Elimatta street sides of the Sports Ground, are seriously at risk of damage with continuous run off from Mt Ainslie and the compression of the verges by multiple vehicles parking under the trees. We have had a site visit from the Senior Director, Urban Treescapes, who could plainly see the issues.

We have written to Minister Vassarotti about these issues and she has assured us that a proper investigation will be conducted to see how the area should be managed. The RRA is hoping for a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan that assesses and addresses the physical, topographical and hydrologic (drainage and runoff) issues that affect the Sports Ground and Reid Park.

We hope to see a proper drainage system installed to conserve the trees and the pump station be installed underground and the parking issues resolved.

Heritage requirements

We have not as yet heard from ACT Heritage re:

- differences in requirements between Ainslie & Reid with Mr Fluffy rebuilds.

- clarification of compliance with what we understand to be mandated heritage requirements according to the Reid Housing Precinct, Entry 20023, ACT Heritage Register, *Heritage Act 2004*.