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

The North Canberra Community Council receives funding and support from the ACT Government



Minutes: Committee Meeting 7pm 16 August 2023

Held online via Zoom

Attendance: Jochem Zeil, Marcus Hipkins, Ernestine Kirsch, Margaret Dudley, Leon Arundell, Simon Clarke, Bruce Smith, Ian Hubbard, Margaret-Ann Henderson.

Apologies: Jane Goffman, Marianne Albury-Colless, Chris Mobbs, Chris Finnigan

Guest presenters: Richard Taylor (Pheonix tenant)

Minute taker: Ian Hubbard

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Northbourne Ave developments

- Elouera Flats Redevelopment 90 Northbourne Ave. [see attached documents]

Action: NCCC DA representation to support Pheonix tenants. [see attached]

- Block 4 Section 57 Turner <https://amalgamatedpropertygroup.com.au/turner-community/> - re-scheduled for September 2023

2. June Committee Meeting Minutes confirmed

3. Chair's Report

- Discussion of Committee positions. Options of rolling positions taken up by residents associations. Need for succession planning. A regular turnover of positions such as Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary. Opportunity to volunteer for positions or deputy for roles as a precursor to doing the role the following year. Committee members to canvas their associations. Point made that some associations are struggling to maintain their own committees.

- Thanks to Bruce for maintaining financial records and meeting obligations sufficiently to be scrutinised.
- Chair to meet with David Pocock. He is proposing a significant planning vision for Canberra, some which is cutting across the recent planning discussions. Interested in freeing up land for housing.
- Discussion on benefits and disbenefits of **rezoning**, including the impacts on affordability, ability to deliver supply, land valuation and rates, lease variation charges (LVC).
- The importance of design rules. Considering the proposed millions of dollars to be spent by the Commonwealth Government on housing that as well as demanding planning changes to encourage greater density there needs to be appropriate design rules in place to ensure that the housing is affordable, climate resilient and carbon neutral.

4. Treasurer's report

Associations asked to put in their funding proposals to finalise budget. The current balance of the NCCC account is \$5,294.

5. Other business

Update on the ACT Government's *Growing and Renewing Public Housing Program* that saw hundreds of public housing tenants receive a letter threatening them with forced relocation. Both Minister Berry and Minister Vassarotti have apologised to public housing tenants for poor processes undertaken during the implementation of this program and hopes that Housing ACT will do better in the future. This was in response to a damning report by the ACT Ombudsman.

Action: link to the Ombudsman's report to be provided.

https://www.ombudsman.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0040/299884/Report-by-the-ACT-Ombudsman-How-do-you-tell-someone-they-have-to-move_-Housing-ACTs-implementation-of-mandatory-relocation-under-the-Growing-and-Renewing-Public-Housing-Program.pdf

Close of meeting