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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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Draft Minutes: General Meeting 7pm 17 July 2024

Attendees: Jochen Zeil, Marcus Hipkins, Sue Dyer, Margaret Dudley, Marianne Albury-Colless, Leon Arundell, Ian Hubbard, Ernestine Kirsch, Geoff Davidson, Bruce Smith, John Ellife, Jane Goffman.

Presenters and observers: Jo Clay MLA, Shane Rattenbury MLA, Maiy Azize, Peter Johns

Apologies: Simon Clarke, Jeanette Schwarz

Minute taker for the meeting: Ian Hubbard

GENERAL BUSINESS

Presentations: [These presentations are now available on Youtube, click links]

Jo Clay MLA

A Plan for Canberra's Newest Suburb

A Liveable Canberra: Convenient, Connected and Affordable Living

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owiBonsVWpA>

Maiy Azize, Deputy Director, Anglicare Australia and spokesperson for *Everybody's Home*
It's Time to Fix the Housing System

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CiZxVMHjWdY>

1. Chair's Report [Jochen Zeil, Chair, NCCC]

- Commonwealth Bank leaving Dickson resulting in the loss of an anchor tenant. Significant parts of the Dickson shopping precinct are now empty. Therefore no banks remaining to provide banking services to the community. Shows that decision making regarding which services are provided to the community in Group Centres is being made by large developers and property owners. It is understood that the Commonwealth Bank could not reach agreement with the owners of Dickson Village on the length of a lease so have decided to leave.

Question as to what the Kurrajong MLAs and the City Renewal Authority are going to do about this loss of service and the sustainability of Dickson shops?

- Discussion about the distribution of Resident Association Reports. Agreed that the current process of sending these reports to the NCCC executive and the representatives from each association can decide whether any ideas or issues should be taken back to their own associations.
- The Chair flagged that he was invited to meet with Tom Emerson, Catherine Cronin from the Canberra Independents on 29 July 2024. He will raise the issues of the lack of public housing and the opportunities presented by the Thoroughbred Park redevelopment. Others can send additional topics for discussion.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer distributed the most recent statement showing that the current balance of the NCCC account is \$6,179.09. The Treasurer will send out a request shortly asking for proposals for expenditure for 2024-25 financial year by mid-August.

3. Other business

NCCC members have been working with community and residents of Braddon on how submissions can be lodged regarding a redevelopment proposal for a hotel on the Canberra City Bowling site across the road from the Ainslie Primary School. This is our first submission to a DA under the new planning rules.