

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

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Record of Meeting

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Chair David Menzel welcomed attendees and said that apologies had been received from Jacqui Burke and Brendan Smyth. Mr Menzel noted that there had been a change of Planning Ministers in the ACT Government with Andrew Barr taking over from Simon Corbell.

2. Mr Menzel said the principal topic for the meeting was the Woden East Development and introduced Pieter Van Der Walt and Tony Adams from CB Richard Ellis, Gordon Lowe GM of the ACT Land Development Agency and Gesa Ruge from Hindmarsh the LDA joint partner in the Woden East Development. Gordon Lowe said that the LDA played a not dissimilar role to the former NCDC and had entered into a joint venture with Hindmarsh to develop Woden East and that profits from the development would be shared 50/50 between the two partners. Mr Lowe characterised the Woden East development as a multi generational lifestyle development aimed at current Woden Valley Residents. The development would be more than dwellings and green spaces it would also include facilities and services and building standards would be to the most current standards.

Mr Van der Walt presented a power point display on the area to be developed. The plans were still at an initial stage with Hindmarsh talking to stakeholders and of the approximately 10 hectare site, about half would be developed.

Yarralumla Creek would also be redeveloped to return it to a more natural watercourse with large areas of artificial wetlands which would filter run-off before it entered the Creek. Mr Van der Walt said that there would be a minimum of 5% affordable housing including multi generational housing to provide for an ageing population. It was proposed that there be one street entry to the development to limit the local streets from being used for large volume traffics flows.

3. Chris Redmond from Woden Valley Community Services told the meeting that there would be a Community Forum to be held at the Hellenic Club commencing at 5.30pm on 6 June. The purpose of the forum was to discuss issues of concern to Woden Valley residents.

4. Chris Erett said that the Airport Noise Forum was meeting three times a year and that although aircraft noise was unlikely to directly affect the Woden Valley the WVCC maintained a watching brief on the issue due to the possibility of noise sharing impacting on the Valley.

5. The Friends of the Albert Hall meeting was to be held at the Albert Hall on 24 May and the WVCC had been asked to support the rejection of NCA proposals on development in the Albert Hall vicinity.

6. Parking issues in the valley were discussed with the meeting noting that the Centraplaza development was relinquishing some parking spots and that the submission on parking had been extended for one week.