

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

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Record of Meeting

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1. A/Chair Bill O'Brien welcomed attendees and said that apologies had been received from Karin McDonald and Mick Gentleman.
2. Susan Conroy has been contracted by ACTPLA and Hindmarsh as a Cultural and Social Planner for Woden Green. Susan said that she was reviewing data on the services available in the Woden Valley and was undertaking a range of consultations to this effect. A group of Woden residents was required to provide input into the range of community facilities that Woden Green should provide.

The Woden Green joint venture developers would like to maintain regular contact with the WVCC to ascertain community requirements for a development on this scale, quarterly reports to W VCC meetings would provide detailed information on current proposals inclusions in the development. Should the development provide facilities only for residents and workers in Woden Green or should facilities be provided for all of Woden. Ms Conroy confirmed that the development would not be a gated community.

3. The name of the development as Woden Green was a marketing tool and would need to be agreed to by the ACT Place names committee as a number of attendees expressed reservations about the name. Ms Conroy said that she would be undertaking a number of consultations over the next two months and would be taking into account the history of the Woden Valley and demographic changes.

4. The meeting discussed the impact on Woden of the Mologlo development which was to commence in 2008-09. It was noted that the Woden Town Centre would be the town centre for Molonglo and it would add considerably to the pressures on the Woden Town Centre.

It was agreed that Planning Minister Barr and ACTPLA head Neil Savery be invited to the June meeting of the council to discuss proposed planning developments that will have a significant impact on the Woden Valley.

5. Eddison Park had been the subject of a Purdon and Associates community consultation survey held in the Woden plaza on 3 may 2008 to determine community views on uses of the park. It was agreed that insufficient notification had been provided of the

proposal to conduct the survey and that Minister Hargreaves and TAMS were to be advised that the WVCC must be included in all stages of the consultation process.

6. The Government had presented the report on uses for the closed school sites, two of which were located in Woden, the Chifley and Curtin Schools. The school buildings would be retained for community use but no decisions had been made on the school grounds which could be sold for housing. The Purdon report on the school sites was available on the Purdons website.

7. It is frequently difficult to get access to all information on development applications for redevelopment in suburbs and Development Applications and objections could be accessed by requesting copies of all correspondence which is required to be available on the public record.

8. The lack of public consultation on the proposed data bank and gas fired generator in Hume was noted. Inversion problems in Tuggeranong, noise issues and chimneys which would rise above the ridge line and sustainability issues were all raised as issues that would indicate the unsuitability if the Hume site for the generators. Additional information on the data bank proposal could be found on Canberravotes.com

9. Chris Erett provided details of the WVCC submission on the proposed Launceston Street cycle path.

10. Real time signage should be included in the revamp of the ACTION Bus network as bus stops did not have timetables provided which detailed the routes of buses.

11. The Woden community festival would be held at the end of October and community and council input was sought to ensure the festival was a success.