

Record of Meeting

2 December 2009

1. The Vice Chair, Dr Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees, including Shane Rattenbury MLA. Apologies were received from Wagdy Hanna, Bill and Thea Smith, Bob Cason, Michael Taylor, Steve Doszpot MLA and Caroline Le Couteur MLA.

2. Mike Reddy moved and David Menzel seconded that the record of the WVCC meeting held on 4 November 2009 be accepted. The motion was carried.

ACT Government's Sustainable Future Program

3. Gay Williamson, Manager of Design and Policy in ACTPLA, said key objectives of the Government's Sustainable Future Program was to foster in the community a consciousness and sense of responsibility to community, place and self; and to take action that abates the causes of climate change. The three-year program was to deliver new policy on sustainability and the planning and design of Canberra in the short and longer term. A number of common issues identified in a series of stakeholder workshops included: governance and engagement with the broader community; progress in public transport; reducing consumption; a more compact urban form; environmental threats; public health and wellbeing; and population growth.

4. On urban design, Ms Williamson said the Spatial Plan would need to be refined to achieve a compact urban form. The key principles of that were: livability (density in neighbourhoods); economics; accessibility—proximity to facilities, not just to transport, but also to social equity; identity (response to place); environmental responsibility; and accountability. She added that apartment blocks were not the most efficient in sustainability.

Ms Williamson said there would be community consultations during the coming year as part of the process to identify the top priorities.

5. There was some discussion on the projected ACT population of 500,000 by 2056 and on the question of what was a sustainable population. There was also some discussion on the need to raise minimum standards in the various building codes.

6. The *Sustainable future workshop findings report* was available at www.actpla.act.gov.au/topics/significant_projects/change/sustainable_future Comments can be submitted to ACTPLA until COB Friday, 26 February 2010.

Update on group insurance

7. Shirley Lithgow reported that group public liability and volunteer insurance for community councils was expected to be finalised by the new year. She expressed appreciation to Caroline Le Couteur MLA for following-up on the issue for community councils as the issue of group insurance had been in the pipeline for some time.

Planning report

8. In updating the meeting on the Phillip Oval project, Gina Pinkas (Planning Officer) said that the development application had been approved for the new pavilion, with an expected cost of over \$2 million. The first stage of the project will be the construction of a single-level building with team change-rooms, public toilets, a canteen, storage and a first-aid room. The building could be extended upwards to provide an additional level with covered seating at a later stage. Construction was expected to be completed by mid-2010. The issue of lighting was raised given a national country AFL championship was expected to use the oval in July.

9. Ms Pinkas said that there was a statutory requirement for Plans of Management for all land classified as 'Public Land' on the Territory Plan which came into effect at the time of Self Government. She said it was a major concern that after twenty years, Plans of Management for urban public land for sporting and recreational facilities in the ACT, including Football Park Phillip, had still not been completed.

The Oasis Swimming Pool

10. Following the closure of the Oasis swimming pool in Deakin in early 2009, the ACT Government and the lessees of the site have reached an agreement whereby the lessees will build a swimming pool of at least 25 metres in exchange for an increase in office space on the site. The proposed technical amendment to the Territory Plan needed for the

agreement can be found on the ACTPLA website at www.actpla.act.gov.au. Comments on the technical amendment can be made until 5pm on Monday, 14 December 2009.

New Committee Member

11. David Menzel was co-opted to the committee to be the Council's representative on the editorial board of *Woden Voice* and for the Woden Valley Community Festival.

Treasurer's Report

12. The Treasurer, Henry Hatch, presented the budget for 2009-10. He moved that the financial statements for 2008-09 be formally accepted. Seconded by David Menzel. Carried.

13. Jenny Stewart closed the meeting and wished everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year. The next meeting of the WVCC will be held on 3 February 2010.