

Record of Meeting

3 August 2011

1. The Chair, Jenny Stewart, welcomed attendees, including Caroline Le Couteur MLA.
2. Apologies were received from Pamela Harris and Henry Hatch.
3. The record of the WVCC meeting held on 6 July 2011 was accepted. Moved by Mike Reddy, Seconded by Jenny Stewart. Carried.

Infrastructure Plan 2011-2021

4. Daniel Stewart, Director of Economic, Regional and Planning Branch in the Directorate of the Chief Minister and Cabinet briefed the meeting on the recently released Infrastructure Plan. He emphasized that his branch concentrated on policy development rather than program management. The infrastructure plan has a long-term focus and follows themes such as population growth and demographic trends, health, safety, education, transport and sustainability.

5. Mr Stewart explained the policy drivers for the plan were the demographic profile of Canberra, regional change and climate change. In assessing the infrastructure needs of the Woden area, the document predicts that Woden's population will remain fairly stable but will age and be distributed differently as the average number of people per dwelling decreases and as more medium and high density housing stock comes on line. The report can be found at the web site:
<http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/infrastructure>

6. Mr Stewart answered questions from the meeting on:
 - community consultation;
 - relationship of the infrastructure plan with other plans e.g. master plans, neighbourhood plans;
 - maintaining existing infrastructure;
 - centralisation of Canberra around Civic;

- how to get involved—eg. Infrastructure Roundtables; and
- social infrastructure.

Update on the Pitch and Putt issue

7. The Chair, Jenny Stewart said WVCC was still waiting on Minister Corbell’s decision on whether he will use his call-in power either to refuse or approve the Canberra Southern Cross Club’s (CSCC) proposal to change the lease of the Pitch and Putt golf course site as a first step towards redeveloping the site. The CSCC Board President (Jack Rice) had not responded to the Council’s invitation to address the Council.

8. Alex Murray, who is nominating for a position on the CSCC board addressed the meeting about his candidature and expressed his concern that the existing board appeared to be unresponsive to the wishes of the broader membership.

9. Dr Stewart said the WVCC was sponsoring a public meeting being organised by the Pitch and Putt Club for Thursday, 11 August at 7.30 pm at the Hellenic Club. Luciano Lombardo (Chair of the Pitch and Putt Club) urged attendance at this important meeting.

40 km per hour speed limit

10. Jenny Stewart reported that a 40 km per hour speed limit has been put in place for parts of central Woden. She suggested that members should check out the impact of this change.

Combined Community Councils Meeting

11. Jenny Stewart reported that Belconnen Community Council hosted a successful meeting of the Combined Community Councils in Belconnen on Saturday, 23 July. At that meeting, guest speaker, Nectar Efkarpidis, Managing Director of the Molonglo Group, presented a developer’s perspective about the complexity of the planning and development approval process in the ACT. Guest speaker at the public forum, that was part of the combined meeting, was Andrew Cappie-Wood (Head of Service and Director-General of the Chief Minister and Cabinet Directorate) who spoke about the recent reorganization of the ACT Public Service, saying the change would lead to better community engagement and improved services to citizens.

Planning Report

12. Jenny Stewart reported that WVCC submitted comments on Draft Variation No. 306 to the Territory Plan. The submission will be put on the WVCC website. The Chair also noted that the deadline for comments has now been extended to Tuesday, 6 September. She also noted that

there didn't appear to be any new significant development applications for Phillip on the ACTPLA website.

Other Business

13. Committee member, Martin Miller reported that WVCC is putting in another submission on the electoral boundaries redistribution. The submission argues that Woden should not be split between two electorates.

14. Committee member Chris Erett opened a discussion on the possibility of inviting candidates for the next Assembly election to address WVCC meetings. The meeting was in favour of the proposal

15. The next meeting of WVCC will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 September 2011.