

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

Record of Meeting in Apollo Room, Hellenic Club

Wednesday 4 December 2013

- 1 The Acting Chair, Mike Reddy, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher and from Simon Corbell and Norman and Sarah Bakker.
- 2 The proposed Committee List tabled at the previous meeting, on 6 November, was approved. Minutes of that meeting were noted.
- 3 Our new Secretary, Archana Boniface and new Committee Member Scott Humphries were welcomed.
- 4 Ms Cathy Day, Senior Consultant at Beacon Hill Consulting, presented a comprehensive briefing on the planned upgrade to the “drab and dull” Hughes Shopping centre.
Stage 1, involving survey questionnaires, focus groups and talks with schools and local traders, has been completed.
Stage 2, obtaining feedback to modify the draft plans, sketches and diagrams, started with this evening’s presentation.
Ms Day presented a comprehensive and imaginative series of plans, sketches and diagrams illustrating how the main issues were being dealt with. These included general access, carpark facilities (including disabled), seating, trees, bike racks, paving and artworks. The general emphasis is on appealing contemporary design. Suggestions from the floor included: *that* public seating to be provided be made of wood, and not metal (hot in Summer, cold in Winter); *that* the old paving (and anything else that could be recycled) be recycled and *that* a playground for children be incorporated in the design. These suggestions were noted, though Ms Day mentioned that the ACT Government sees playgrounds as involving safety issues.
- 5 Doug Brooks, from Chris Purdon and Associates, presented a briefing on South Canberra Vocational Education and Training. His detailed descriptions of the demographics involved, the range of subjects offered, and the constraints imposed by the nature of existing facilities, were very well documented. He then gave an outline of possible scenarios and current plans involving learning centres in Tuggeranong, Woden and Weston Creek and how a mix of contemporary technologies could be employed to enhance student equity and access, efficiency of teaching delivery as well as integration with the public transport bus network.
- 6 Henry Hatch presented the Treasurer’s Report, a Statement of Income and Expenses for 2012-2013. The Auditor’s Opinion, that this report gave “a true and fair picture of the association’s accounts”, was also tabled. Moved that the report be accepted, and it was.
- 7 Chris Millman outlined the changes proposed to Block 1, Section 22 (next to the swimming pool and the Southern Cross Club).
- 8 Ongoing matters: Mike Reddy noted that he had represented the WVCC at a recent Planning and Development Forum. Water strategy, the city plan, uses of City Hill and

environs and climate change surveys, were discussed. Martin Miller reported on the Block 15 Section 3 development, noting that there'd been no change in the design, as yet, though a reduction from 24 to 12-15 storeys was being considered. This Council's objections remain in place. The bus interchange upgrade is to proceed. The Park and Ride in Woden may go; the Park and Ride in Mawson may be expanded.

- 9 General Business: it was noted that Assembly Member Shane Rattenbury's undertaking to respond to specific Council concerns regarding the proposed upgrade to the Chifley Shopping Centre had not, as yet, been received. This needs to be followed up. The meeting declared closed at 9:10pm.
- 10 The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday 12 February, 2014.

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Minutes Secretary