

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.
Record of Meeting, Canberra Southern Cross Club,
Wednesday 3 February 2016

- 1 The Chair, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. There were no apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting for 2 December 2015 were approved with the proviso that a question regarding the Southern Cross Club be included.
- 3 **Mark Overton**, Project Manager in the Land Development Agency, provided a detailed update on the work in Section 9, Furzer Street Precinct. Intended upgrades, works associated with infrastructure and the realignment of Corinna Street, were outlined, along with a range of landscaping issues. It was noted that the new Skypark was opened in April 2015; Furzer Street reopened in September 2015; associated traffic lights in November 2015; a new access road to Aviation House was opened in January 2016 and that Corinna Street will be partially closed from early February to June 2016. The “Pocket Park” was presented in detail; the project would be discussed in detail at a “drop in” information session at the Woden Library, scheduled for February 12.
- 4 **Emily Springett** and **Lynette Marsh** from the ACT Asbestos Response Taskforce provided a detailed update on the Mr Fluffy remediation program. Some 815 of a total of 1022 affect properties have been purchased. Wide-ranging ramifications of the program were outlined: some four thousand homeowners were directly affected; another 127 thousand were indirectly affected by demolitions. It was noted that, whilst a house demolition itself took only about an hour and a half, the very thorough pre- and post-demolition process, including soil removal and testing, could take from six to eight weeks.
Eight demolitions in the Woden Valley so far, were noted, with another 40 listed by the end of this calendar year. Questions from the floor touched on issues related to subdivision of Mr Fluffy blocks (not permitted, although separately titled dual occupancies would be). Requirements for double storey construction on the blocks remained the same as for existing RZI developments. Two-storey development on consolidated blocks would be required to front the street.
- 5 WVCC President **Martin Miller** provided news and updates on current issues. These included the ACT Indoor Sports Facilities Study, Curtin Master Plan, Stage two of the Cotter Rd Duplication, the new football oval adjacent to the Melrose High School. Problems relating to building heights in the Farrer Aged Care Development proposal were noted. Improvements in the Woden Town Centre were mentioned and the evaluation of 40Kph speed limits in the group centre noted.
- 6 **Mike Reddy** outlined potential changes to solar access rules for ACT residents. Some of these proposed changes relate to unintended consequences of particular styles of development: double storied houses, overshadowing and underground car parks. Block sizes and areas devoted to glazing all contributed.
- 7 Treasurer’s Report: **Bill O’Brien** noted that the bank account contained 24 thousand dollars and that the auditor’s report had been lodged and accepted.

- 8 General business: Some policy development forum issues were noted: demolition of the Northbourne Flats (called in), Active Travel Update (trialled in 52 schools) and cycling classes for kids. Questions canvassed included minimum standards for unit development (under ACT government review), redevelopment of the bus interchange (a funding issue), the Lyons Shops Development (Westfield is opposing the plans)
- 9 The meeting finished at 9:35pm. Next meeting of the WVCC will be on 2 March in the Southern Cross Club.

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Minutes Secretary,

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