

Woden Valley Community Council
Record of Annual General Meeting, Southern Cross Club, Woden
Wednesday 2 November 2016

- 1 Retiring President, **Martin Miller**, welcomed attendees. Apology from Robin Stanton.
- 2 Minutes of the last AGM, held on 7 October 2015, were approved, as were the minutes of the Election Candidates' Forum Meeting of 5 October 2016, hosted by the WVCC, and MC'd by **Jenny Stewart**.
- 3 The President's report for 2015-2016 noted:
 - * Submissions made on the Woden Town Centre Master Plan and the Mawson Group Centre Master Plans;
 - * That, of the \$12 Million proposed for the Woden Town Centre Cycle Network "Feasibility Study", only one million had been allocated in the recent budget.
 - * Work is to begin shortly on improvements to Eddison Park.
 - * Recommendations were made by WVCC on developments in the Furzer Street precinct and to shared paths on Melrose Drive.
 - * The architect's report on the Woden/Weston Creek Community Hub is yet to be released.
 - * The positive feedback on the WVCC hosting of the candidates' forum was noted; both the MC for the event, **Jenny Stewart**, and the candidates themselves, were thanked.
 - * A memorial note that we lost **Henry Hatch**, a WVCC Committee Member, last year.
 - * The WVCC sponsorship of the "Reflections" cultural event was noted as having been quite successful.
 - * Ongoing support of the WVCC by the ACT Government was noted with gratitude.

In moving for the acceptance of this detailed report, **Mike Reddy** gave an outline of the work involved in chairing the WVCC: the research, the media interviews, the attention to the website and the social media all involved much time and associated stress. **Mike Reddy** moved that we congratulate retiring President **Martin Miller** for a job well done and that we show our appreciation in the usual way.

- 4 In noting that WVCC has been happy to provide funds to assist local residents' associations, the President, **Martin Miller**, gave **Monica Pflaum**, Treasurer of the Curtin Residents' Association a cheque for \$2,000.00, and **Eric Glass**, the President of the Farrer Residents' Association, a cheque for \$2,500.00.
- 5 Retiring Treasurer of the WVCC, **Bill O'Brien**, presented the 2015-2016 financial statements, which were approved pending audit. **Bill** was thanked for his extensive service to the Council, which commenced with the foundation of the WVCC and included a number of executive and committee positions. Noel Boniface took the Chair for the election of WVCC Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2016-2017. The following nominations were made and accepted:
 - President: Fiona Carrick** **Vice-President: Mike Reddy**
 - Secretary: Archana Boniface** **Publicity Officer: Eric Glass**
 - Minutes Secretary: Timoshenko Aslanides**
 - Committee Members: Jenny Stewart, Chris Erett, Robin Stanton, Martin Miller.** The position of **Treasurer** was not filled and will be delegated, as required.

- 6 **Michael D’Elboux**, Development Manager in the Amalgamated Property Group, provided a detailed and well-illustrated presentation of a proposed apartment development in Irving Street. The obviously thoughtful design, the detailed consideration of likely residential amenity requirements and the aesthetic attractiveness of the proposed construction were reflected in the wide-ranging nature of the questions asked.

This included community consultation? (yes, four residents groups involved); included facilities? (a private pool, yoga centre and gymnasium in a landscaped plaza); carpark? (yes, in the basement and on two levels); public access? (yes); utilities access? (yes); how many lifts? (three upfront, four outback); light, ventilation and shadow issues? (yes, all considered in the design); the design considered more “up-market” than the trilogy project? (yes, noted especially in the “softer edges and fluid design” of the architecture); solar access analysis? (yes, and illustrated); double glazing? (yes, all windows); design philosophy? (27% of the proposed units will be internally adaptable); unit distribution? (level one: two apartments, level two: 60 apartments and level three, eight apartments); unit types? (25% one-bedroom, 65% two-bedroom and 10% three-bedroom); additional purchase options? (yes, bike storage attached to apartments); additional common facilities? (yes, including a bbq pavilion); fire protection? (yes, sprinklers in all units). A detailed summary of the demographics of market demand for these proposed units was also shown and discussed.

Most of the answers to these questions were also illustrated with detailed colour slides.

Michael D’Elboux was thanked for his comprehensive presentation.

- 7 The proposed presentation by Stewart Architecture for a 59 Unit Townhouse development in Woden did not happen.
- 8 **Caroline Le Couteur**, recently-elected as a Greens representative for Murrumbidgee in the Legislative Assembly, outlined her plans. A negotiated agreement between the Greens and the Labor Party was first priority. Following this, she would be involved in public transport, affordable housing and mental health issues. She expects to chair the Planning Committee and to revise residential codes in the Territory Plan, some of which “don’t make sense”. She would like more emphasis on sustainability, with fewer “McMansions”. To a question about the future of the CIT, she noted that it remained a complex political issue. Better indoor sporting facilities were also an ongoing concern.

Mike Reddy provided an update on issues arising at the last Planning and Development Forum, on 27 October. These included:

- * Hydrogen storage, for hydrogen-fuelled car fleets;
- * The appointment of a new government architect (Catherine Townsend);
- * Successful tenderers for wind power in the ACT now obliged to employ local researchers;
- * The Active Travel program;
- * Tree protection in the ACT, and
- * Penrhyn House: more public servants were being housed in this building.

The meeting concluded at 9:27pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be on 7 December, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Southern Cross Club.

Timoshenko Aslanides, Minutes Secretary **13 November 2016**