

Minutes of Public Meeting

7 pm Wednesday 6 November 2019

Canberra Southern Cross Club

Estimated attendance: 80

1. Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick, welcomed and thanked attendees.

- MLAs in attendance:
 - Minister Stephen-Smith
 - Caroline Le Couteur MLA
 - Mrs Dunne MLA

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Chairs Report

- Chief Minister's 2016 Statement of Ambition
- Cities don't succeed by accident and leaving things to chance, they require planning, good governance and collaboration
- Budget submission – premised on a concept design for community facilities in Woden
 - Connected arts centre, community centre, sports stadium, CIT
 - Connecting to the hospital and the Phillip business district
 - Major retail and employment hub should be connected
- Team Towns employed to bring energy to events – community driven
- Entertainment Action Plan – Woden identified as an entertainment precinct
- Planning strategy – Woden to Mawson identified as an urban intensification area
- Zoning for Town Centre – blunt instrument – 12 to 24 storeys in the centre (+ 4 allowed)
 - 28 storeys over town square needs to be reduced to allow a public entertainment precinct
 - Where are our public spaces going to be
 - Gap analysis shown for higher education, arts facilities, pools, and indoor sports facilities showing the loss of amenity
- Hospital site and old CIT site shown – a plan is required for future development
 - The 2009 plan shows the new emergency on building 3
 - The 2016 election moved the emergency to the helipad site
 - The SPIRE (and ambulance entry) is now on the corner of Palmer St and Gilmor Cres opposite the Garran Primary School

4. Minister Stephen-Smith

- Don't want to talk about former CIT site – contaminated
 - Will stay as community facility land and will have further consultation
- Hospital Master Plan – request for tender for design released
- SPIRE attributes stated and site shown - will not engage about the site
 - establishing community reference panel

- Concept design for SPIRE shown – can't see SPIRE from Palmer St (not realistic)
- Ambulance entry from Palmer st
- Parking will be addressed to submit a DA

Questions and Answers

- Concerns about ambulance access from a residential street and noise impact on learning outcomes from the helicopter
 - Wherever the helicopter enters there will be noise
- What is building 3 going to be?
 - Addressed in the master plan
- If you do not know what it will be used for how do you know you have the most efficient patient flows?
 - Phase 1 has been completed to set the themes and principles
 - Strategic Asset Management plan being done
- I understand ambulances are for time critical purposes, Palmer St access longer?
 - Won't make a huge difference to patient outcomes
 - Important that the ambulance identifies the hospital of emergency
 - Ambulances drive through school zones everyday
- what consultation was undertaken for location of SPIRE
 - the most practical for continuity of service
- Car parking and traffic studies – shouldn't you have done that first?
 - Will be undertaken to inform the next steps of the design of the hospital
 - This project is not expected to generate an increase in traffic
 - Working on short term and long term solutions for car parking
 - Helipad will be moved to top of SPIRE and free up northern site for parking
- Why don't you wait to see what the consultants come back without being constrained by a pre-determined site?
 - Things changes all the time, it will be different in 20 years
- If you had of consulted with the community before you decided on the site you may not be in the position you are in now.
- Is there any thought of putting a bridge over Yamba Drive to the carpark or playing fields?
 - Different sites were explored in detail
- What skills is there to undertake this complex job?
 - Recruitment underway, working with Canberra Health Services, learning lessons from other projects, procurement process for design.
- Will you put things on hold while the petition (with over 500 signatures) is underway
 - No, parking is a long standing issue
- A member of the community said 'I want to express my anger from the Garran residents, we were not consulted before the site was announced'.
- There is a lack of trust!

5. Women's and Children Centenary hospital

- The birth rate is increasing and facilities need to grow
- \$50 million project – expansion neonatal nursery, new adolescent mental health unit and other medical assets and services

Meeting closed

Next meeting: 4 December 2019