

WODEN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2004

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Committee members present:

David Menzel, (Chair), Mike Reddy, Dolores Holmes, John Kain, Adrian Roberts, Bill O'Brien

Apologies: Barry Raison, Warwick Pearson, Jenny St George

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those attending including representatives from various political parties who are presenting as candidates at the October 2004 ACT elections. The Chair introduced invited guests Rob Purdon from the ACT Proper Planning Group Inc and Noel McCann from the Canberra International Airport and advised that both guests would be making presentations on the Canberra Airport and, in particular, on future development scenarios for Brindabella Park.

2. Reports

The Minutes of the 2003 Annual General Meeting were presented and accepted.
Moved Mrs J Burke MLA - Seconded Mike Reddy

The Chair presented his report for 2003-04. Moved David Menzel Seconded John Kain

John Kain presented his Secretary's report and the report was accepted.
Moved John Kain Seconded Adrian Roberts

Dolores Holmes presented the Treasurer's report and this was accepted.
Moved Dolores Holmes Seconded Mike Reddy

3. Election of 2004-05 committee

Jeff Carl (Chair, Weston Creek Community Council) took the Chair as Returning Officer, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were received and Mr Carl declared that the following written nominations had been received, that they had been correctly completed and therefore the following were elected to the Committee:

. Chair David Menzel

. Deputy Chair. Mike Reddy

. Secretary Bill O'Brien

. Treasurer John Kain

. Committee Barry Raison, Adrian Roberts, Dolores Holmes, Warwick Pearson

Jeff Carl handed the Chair to David Menzel.

Bill O'Brien was appointed as Public Officer Moved David Menzel, Seconded Adrian Roberts

Appointment of Auditor: The Chair moved that Mr Peter Irving be reappointed as Auditor. Moved Bill O'Brien Seconded John Kain.

4. Canberra International Airport

The Chair welcomed Rob Purdon from the ACT Proper Planning Group Inc and Noel McCann from the Canberra International Airport and advised that there would be short presentations from Purdon and McCann and that there would then be a period for questions.

Rob Purdon presented a video canvassing development issues at the airport and said that

- . Development at the airport was a strategic planning issue affecting the whole ACT including the commercial viability of the town centres and Civic as well as neighbourhood centres
- . Airport development affected employment elsewhere in the ACT
- . His interest resulted from the need for coordinated planning for the ACT
- . Despite the fact that the submission period had closed the WVCC could still write detailing concerns with development at the airport
- . Amendment 44 to the National Capital plan was still being reviewed by the federal government
- . The draft master plan was lodged with the federal Department of Transport on 23 August 2004 with a decision required in 90 days
- . Canberra currently has a vacancy rate of 5% for commercial property and the lettable area of 120,000 square metres at Brindabella Park impacted adversely on commercial property in the town Centres.
- . There were concerns that the current commercial space could be considerably expanded
- . Development at the airport had an adverse affect on services provided by the ACT taxpayer and that there was a need for managed growth

Mr Mcann said that:

- . In the main Brindabella Park tenants had come from out of town and were generally aviation or Defence related (as required by the National Capital Plan)
- . The airport had 2.3 million passengers last year
- . Air Fiji intended to continue winter flights in 2005
- . Discussions had been held with Air New Zealand and Virgin on introducing other international destinations
- . The introduction of other international destinations would be commercial decisions for interested airlines
- . On aircraft noise 99% of ACT houses were in noise abatement zones
- . 600 houses were in zones affected by aircraft noise and this would rise to 6,000 if housing proceeded at Tralee and Environa
- . the Canberra International Airport Corporation does not support noise sharing
- . Canberra Airport is the only airport with the additional layer of authority imposed by the National Capital plan
- . There were no plans for bulk goods outlets
- . The airport paid rates, taxes and stamp duty to the ACT Government and for all roads and services but no betterment tax
- . There is a proposal for the airport to become a national freight hub with an initial five take offs and landings between 11.00pm and 6.00am.

Questions from the floor covered the environmental impact of further development at Brindabella Park and Mc Cann responded that all ACT Government regulations applied and were adhered to by the Airport Corporation.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm with the next meeting to be held on 6 October at 7.30pm.

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I had the understanding that the 120 000 sq metres figure related to buildings on the ground now PLUS those on the drawing boards.also the observation was made by David that the total area of office space in WTC was 125 000 sq metres.