

WODEN VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC

MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2005

HELLENIC CLUB PHILLIP

Committee members present:

David Menzel, (Chair), Mike Reddy, Bill O'Brien, Barry Raison and Warwick Pearson.

Apologies were received from John Kain, Adrian Roberts and Dolores Holmes

Item 1 Chair David Menzel briefed the WVCC on an informative meeting with Connell Wagner and ACTPLA held on 21 December on design proposals for the new bus interchange at Woden Plaza. The next step is for WVCC to contact Connell Wagner thanking them for the meeting and to advise them that we would be seeking wider community consultation through a public meeting 2 March 2005 on the proposed bus interchange and seeking their continued involvement. Action: Bill O'Brien

Item 2 Correspondence.

a) Aircraft Noise Forum. The meeting noted that although aircraft noise was a marginal issue to the WVCC as it did not impact directly on the Woden Valley, that it was never the less an important Canberra issue. WVCC would send a representative to the CIA's Aircraft Noise Forum. Action: David Menzel

b) Barry Raison advised that he would attend the Planning and Development Forum on 8 March 2005.

c) John Kain will be attending the Community Council Forum 16 Feb and presenting information re WVCC consultative mechanisms.

d) ACT Treasurer Ted Quinlan had sought Community Council input into the ACT budget development process. WVCC will seek \$1m for the redevelopment of Phillip Oval, and \$50,000 for a master plan relating to Woden's sporting and recreational facilities. WVCC would need to maintain a watching brief to ensure that the oval remained a community facility and that the government did not reverse commitments made concerning the oval. The WVCC also needed to develop a policy on what the Woden community wanted with Phillip Oval and surrounds. Action: David Menzel.

e) ACTPLA funding for the WVCC according to planned consultative arrangements has not yet come through and WVCC funds are very low. Action: David Menzel.

Item 3 The meeting noted that substantial progress had been made on development of the WVCC website. It was agreed that all outgoing correspondence of public interest should be placed on the website. Action: John Kain and other committee members as appropriate.

Item 4 WVCC's budget submission will also seek \$60 \$80,000 for a study to be undertaken of Woden's existing community facilities and what need exists for additional community facilities and meeting rooms. This submission will be done in consultation with Woden Community Service. Action: David Menzel

Item 5 General Business

The WVCC's Concerns column in the Southside Chronicle would be provided by David Menzel until May and then possibly by Mike Reddy.

It was agreed that a proposal would be made to gazette the small park next to the Senior Citizens Club adjacent to the Town Centre as an alcohol free area. It will also be proposed that an opening and naming ceremony would be held for the park. Action: Mike Reddy

Mike Reddy suggested it would be appropriate to have a WVCC meeting on police issues relating to the Woden Valley. The committee noted the commencement of police foot patrols. Action: Mike Reddy.

It was agreed that every second meeting of the Council would be a public meeting and advertised to raise the profile of the WVCC within the community.

David Menzel would continue to seek the attendance of Graham Mundy at a WVCC meeting to advise on the Land Development Agency's policies on the direct sale of public land.

Item 6 The next meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday 2 March 2005 at the Hellenic Club.