

Woden Valley Community Council

Committee Meeting 6 April 2005

Orpheus Room Hellenic Club

#### Record

1. Chair David Menzel advised that apologies had been received from Adrian Roberts, Dolores Holmes, Mike Reddy and John Cain.

2. Mr Menzel said that the WVCC Website was now operational and ready for material to be loaded onto the website.

**ACTION:** Bill O'Brien to contact Paul Hogie to arrange a meeting with David Menzel for a demonstration on loading material onto the site.

3. Planned changes to Eddison Park Pond and the need for its retention as a water feature were discussed. Plans had been drawn up which retain the pond at approximately one third the size of the current pond with associated landscaping.

**ACTION:** David Menzel to provide comment on the revised proposal.

4. The meeting discussed ACT Planning and Land Authority approval for two car sales showrooms and associated car parking on the corner of Melrose Drive and Parramatta Street, Phillip. It was agreed that there had been inadequate consultation with affected parties and that there were particular concerns with 14 parallel parking spaces and two entrances to be constructed on Melrose Drive.

**ACTION:** Bill O'Brien to send a letter to Planning Minister Simon Corbell and Urban Services Minister John Hargreaves stating community concerns about the impact on a major traffic road of parallel parking and two additional entrances.

[On Monday 11 April a meeting was held at the site with the design engineers and a representative of the developers, Rolfe partnership. David Menzel and Bill O'Brien said that the WVCC concerns were that there had been insufficient notice of the development and parking proposals to interested parties likely to be affected by the development. In addition there were specific concerns relating to the parallel parking and entrances proposed for Melrose Drive. Melrose Drive was a major thoroughfare and if the proposals were built as approved the parking and entrances on the curve of Melrose Drive would exacerbate an already dangerous traffic environment. David Menzel said that the WVCC would report on the meeting to interested parties and respond with a considered view on the proposal.]

5. The meeting noted that demolition of Guardian House had commenced despite the extensive media coverage of WVCC concerns about its removal and replacement with an office tower.

6. The meeting agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Warwick Pearson who resigned from the committee at the March meeting due to his move to Sydney.

**ACTION:** John Kain to provide Harmander Singh with an appropriate message for production of a certificate.

7. David Menzel said that approximately 70% of WVCC work was generated by ACTPLA requesting comment on development proposals and that the ACTPLA grant

to the WVCC of \$4,500 was recompense for some of the work done by the Council on ACTPLA'S behalf. The WVCC needed to raise and maintain a profile in the Woden Community and that this could be assisted by a letterbox drop.

8. It was noted that there was a discrepancy in current insurance liability, with some new policies increasing liability risk from \$1m to \$10m for General Indemnity and this was of concern to community councils.

ACTION: John Kain to seek clarification on WVCC's responsibilities from AON Insurance.

9. The next meeting of the WVCC would be held on Wednesday 4 May 2005 at the Hellenic Club. The following items were proposed for discussion.

- the need for community facilities in Woden
- upgrading of Phillip oval and surrounding infrastructure
- Russell Watkinson CEO Urban Parks and Places to address meeting