

# Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

## Record of Meeting in Apollo Room, Hellenic Club

Wednesday 6 August 2014

- 1 The Chair, Mike Reddy, welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies were received from Dr Jenny Stewart and Timoshenko Aslanides.
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting, on 2 July 2014, were accepted.
- 3 **Federal Police Update.** Sergeant Louise Denley, from the Woden Police Station, addressed the meeting, noting recent thefts from undercroft parking / storage areas of units in Curtin and Garran. Sgt Denley urged residents to be vigilant, particularly of people tailgating into secure areas. The meeting raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles in on Woden streets including Melrose Drive and Ainsworth Street, and dumped cars on the Cotter Road, which were noted.
- 4 **Omnibus Territory Planning Variation.** Peter Johns and David Collet, representing the Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate, gave a presentation on the propose planning variation for 17 sites across Canberra. This includes Strathgordon Court and an adjoining block of land, and it is proposed that the existing public housing on site be redeveloped to increase the density with a mixture of private and public housing, noting that there would be a Draft Variation for the site. Questions were raised regarding potential height of buildings, overshadowing of neighbouring areas, solar access to units. Other issues were raised in relation to vehicular and pedestrian access to the site, and the impact on current tenant and the neighbouring Woden Gardens residents.
- 5 **Community Solar for the ACT:** A representative of Zhenfa Australia Pty Ltd gave a presentation on the company's plans for the Mugga Lane Solar Park and the intention to incorporate a Community Solar Park, that would allow investment into the scheme.
- 6 **Local Member Spot:** Nicole Lawder, Brindabella MLA, spoke on the recently approved electoral changes whereby the ACT Assembly will consist of five electorates with five members each. Ms Lawder discussed the issue of houses containing 'Mr Fluffy' insulation and also drew attention to Homeless and Missing Persons week.
- 7 **Reports:**
  - Ian Trewhella reported on the recently approved Development Application for the 'Tradies' residential development site. While the amended plans involve a reduction in the height, and setting back of the proposed residential high rise, there will still be an adverse impact on winter solar access for some Bellerive residents.
  - The Chair reported on the recent Planning and Development Forum, noting the launch of a new 'DA Finder' App, and the consultation taking place relating to the Light Emission Vehicle Strategy and Freight Strategy.
  - The Treasurer, Henry Hatch, presented the audited 2013-2014 Financial Statement. Henry advised the meeting that he would be standing down from the position of Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

- 8 **General Business:** It was noted that as part of the changes to the ACT Assembly, there would be an electoral boundary review process to be undertaken in the coming months, and that this may present an opportunity for Woden to be represented by a single electorate.
- 9 The meeting closed at 9:30pm, with next meeting of the Council scheduled for 7:30pm on Wednesday 3 September at the Hellenic Club.