

**Woden Valley Community Council**  
**Record of Meeting, Canberra Southern Cross Club**  
**7 pm Wednesday 4 April 2018**  
**MLAs in attendance: nil**  
*Estimated attendance: Sixty*

1 **Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick**, welcomed attendees. There were apologies from Robert Issell, Robin Stanton. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 March 2018 were approved.

2 **Chair Report:** Fiona Carrick showed the audience:

- the proposed crossing on Corinna Street
- the Healthy Waterways projects in Curtin and Mawson.
- a picture of the party at the Torrens shops – a question was asked about insurance when having events
- The Woden Experiment – Street Furniture Australia to undertake 6 month furniture installation to activate the town square, ideas welcome. There was a question about the wind in the square. There was a discussion about solar access and active frontages in the square. Trees, vegetation, water features, rooms and sails were discussed.
- the clearing of shrubbery at the Town Park to minimise anti-social behaviour was discussed

### 3 Presentations

(a) **Monica Pflaum, Treasurer of the Curtin Residents Association**, spoke about:

- Redevelopment at the Curtin square – representations from the community and the DA was rejected. The strength of the community opposition helped. Community panel undertaken and a new Master Plan expected.
- Organising the Autumn Fair 28 April – school, charities and community groups - bbq, craft, info stalls etc..
- Gardening group discussed
- Supper club has held 2 dinners
- Attended briefings on planning – WOVA, light rail, comments on Housing Choices Discussion Paper.

A question was asked about incorporation of the community group and Monica advised that the ACT government was quite helpful and that they could share their documents, for example the objectives.

Fix my Street, was discussed for footpaths, nature streets, overhanging trees and abandoned cars.

(b) **Pool – Petier Van der Walt– Canberra Town Panning, John, pool manager, Tony Prescott Ice Sports**

- Fiona gave an introduction about Canberra’s planning and the town centres being social and economic hubs. Woden has great access with duplicated roads and rapid services.
- Peter Van der Walt – John has been running pool since 1979 without subsidies, unfortunately people will go to the new pool at Stromlo. Phillip pool heated from energy to cool ice. New apartments (Trilogy) looking into site has negatively impacted business. Difficult to redevelop site with current planning rules that prescribe a 50 metre pool and a national size ice rink.

Canberra can't support 2 ice rinks so if a new ice centre built it could take years to change the Precinct Code to change the planning on the Phillip pool site and facilitate some sort of development.

- A member of the audience asked why the owner of the pool doesn't sell the site?
- John stated that they work 7 days to support the ice sports, however things have changed and you can't close the facility (because the sport would go elsewhere). The only people that use the facility are committed lap swimmers. John advised that the community does not use the facility however the community was concerned by the lack of cover. Each bus wrap is \$20,000.
- Tony Prescott from Ice Sports Federation spoke about his campaign for a new ice sports facility and how the current rink had served the ice sports community for many years however they had grown out of the facility. They want to bring new ice sports to Canberra and a new facility would provide opportunities. Closure of the current site for development would be devastating on the continuity of the sport in Canberra. They want a facility that is viable which could be anywhere in Canberra. Investigating PPP model.

Petier discussed the options put forward to the government to change the plans to resolve the planning issues.

### **(c) Planning for Southlands**

- Fiona highlighted the lack of active frontage at Woolies.
- Discussion included
  - Scale and height a concern around the perimeter of the town square
  - Round garden outside Woolies fragments space
  - Parking is a concern if the carparks sold for residential towers
  - Business continuity is a problem if buildings knocked down for development
  - Status of the planning - draft precinct code has not been referred to the Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal
  - It could do with a landscape architect to plan the public spaces.
  - A playground would be good to bring activity

**6 Other business:** The meeting finished at 9:50 pm. The next meeting of the WVCC will be at 7 pm on 2 May 2018 at The Canberra Southern Cross Club.

**President**