

Woden Valley Community Council
Record of Meeting, Canberra Southern Cross Club
7 pm Wednesday 3 October 2018
MLAs in attendance: None
Estimated attendance: Sixty Five

- 1 **Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick:** Fiona apologised for being late due to flight delay. Welcomed and thanked attendees.
- 2 **Record of previous meetings:** last meeting held on 4 July, 1 August and 5 September - Not Discussed.

3 **Chair's Report –:**

Next month Minister Steel will talk about connecting people and Civic pride. Interviews conducted by the consultant for the Woden Experiment found that the community was negative about the town square but generally had fond memories of the town square in the past.

- **Better Suburbs play spaces update** \$1.9 million has been given for better suburb projects by City Services which includes the community deciding where the funds will be spent. The first bucket is for two nature play grounds \$175,000 each. Second will be \$75,000 to provide for the community consultation and design preparation etc for five suburbs including one in Woden. The third bucket of money \$300,000-400,000 will be for amenities like shade sails, footpaths and fences. The fourth bucket of \$500,000 will be for maintenance. Fifth bucket is \$150,000 for a playground strategy for Canberra.
- **Bradley Street dine-in:** Half of the ground level carpark opposite Hoyts will be developed into a range of cafés and restaurants to form a dining precinct along Bradley St. Westfield has not announced which restaurants will operate there yet. The street will be opened to traffic and possibly shared with pedestrians like Bunda Street in Civic.
- **Grand Central** apartments: is starting with demolition of the site starting beside the bus station. The new development will provide 18 and 26 storeys beside the bus interchange.
- Current DA to demolish the **Serbian Club** at Mawson is in place inviting community feedback on another future DA for a proposed future mixed development with club space child care at ground floor and residential bar will be submitted in near future.
- DA to demolish **Strathgordon** at corner Melrose and Hindmarsh to provide for a new apartments complex with arrangements now in place for residents to move out with some going to Gungahlin
- **Budget Submission** submissions close on 31st of October.
- **Woden Experiment** comments on Yoursay up to November, the concept was presented at the last WVCC meeting.
- Outcomes are expected for the Mawson Group Centre Planning, WOVA, Curtin shops, community contribution , Inquiry into ACT libraries,
- Meeting about planning was held at the **Albert Hall** attended by 450 people. People were not happy about the planning.

- 4 **5 minute update from MLAs:** No attendance

5 Presentations –

6 Climate Change national citizen science project – EPSDD: No attendance

7 ‘The Oaks’ - development of the Yamba Club Site – presented by Michael from Amalgamated Group. The Ivy development, presently under construction, is the first stage of development on the Yamba Club site. This presentation is about the second stage named “The Oaks”.

- The Oaks site is 13,882 sq.m compared the Stage 1 Ivy site 9,680 sq.m.
- Old photos (1985, 1976, 1967, 1961 and 1944) of the original homestead and two oak trees were shown. The homestead was taken to Queanbeyan.
- The trees are estimated to be 160 years old and will be the feature of a green area in the middle. There will be a common gym facility with human scale on Irving Street.
- There will be 3 residential towers with the first having 156 units and the second 150 to 165 apartments. There will be a basement car park but no podium so the towers will be around the feature trees.
- Shadow diagrams shown. Solar access, around 80 per cent get 3 hours or more.
- Landscaping shown.
- 156 apartments comprising of 31 x 1br (56m²), 15 x 1 br with study (65m²), 64 x 2br small (75 -76m²), 30 x 2br large (88-90m²) and 16 x 3br units (95-110m²).
- There will be a total of 238 car spaces, generally 2 car spaces for 2br and 3br units and 1 car space for the 1br units.
- The only exit is onto Launceston Street.

8 Crematorium and funeral home in Symonston – Richard Nash, Purdon Planning:

It is expected the proposal will reduce pressure on the Woden Cemetery which is reaching capacity.

Richard talked through the early concept design for a contemporary facility located about 600m south of Mugga Lane near Hindmarsh Drive. This site could be complementary to the ACT Government’s cemetery site on Long Gully Road.

- Stage 1 (north of site) – crematorium, admin building and shared service facility
- Stage 2 (the rest of site) - chapel, celebration rooms and memorial park

Designed to service the south of Canberra. It’s a private facility that will be competitively priced.

A number of environmental assessments including traffic assessment are in progress.

It will be a memorial park with internments, no burials.

Property rights – buying plaque, there is likely to be a 20 year period with the ability to extend.

Is there any consideration of natural burials? Not currently being looked at.

The DA will be lodged late 2018. A web site will be available where views can be provided.

9 Other business:

Members of the CIT child care raised concerns about the N12 development being so close to the child care. There were discussions after the meeting.

The best way to know what is going on is to be on our email list.

Our website is wvcc.org.au this will take you to all issues going on in Woden.

The meeting finished at 8:50pm.

The next meeting of the WVCC will be the AGM at 7 pm on 7 November 2018 at The Canberra Southern Cross Club.

For more detail and questions and answers please visit our website wvcc.org.au for recording.