

Minutes of Public Meeting

7 pm Wednesday 6 February 2019
Canberra Southern Cross Club
Estimated attendance: Sixty

1 Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick, welcomed and thanked attendees.

- MLAs in attendance: Ms Caroline Le Couteur
- Bus Depot presentation not going ahead as the designs are not ready to present to the community

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 6 December 2018 - Not Discussed.

3 Chair Report:

- Web site – wvcc.org.au – bottom right corner provides spot to provide details for email list
- WOVA – the reconsideration application was rejected and 12 storeys remain on Melrose Drive
- If anyone has any old photos of Woden’s development please let us know
- 2nd regional scooter comp – 16 Feb 2019 – brings people to Woden to patronise our small businesses
- The Woden Experiment – we are getting street furniture with table and chairs, work hubs, stage permanent water and temporary electricity
- Multi – purpose sports hall proposal for Woden shown to the community
 - Where would the multi-purpose sports hall be?
 - We need a precinct plan to guide where facilities will be, including the CIT site
- Curtin Residents Association going to ACAT about the development on the south west site of the square.
- Southlands should retain the existing building heights around the small square however it is unfortunate that the proposed zoning will provide for 4 storeys on the western side of the square.
- The Don’t Dump on Downer Campaign – note that much of Woden also has the urban intensification zoning in the 2018 Planning Strategy
- Moving Canberra: Integrated Planning Strategy 2019-2045 is open for comment. The Central Transit Spine from Tuggeranong to Gungahlin (Adelaide Avenue, west side of State Circle) is a significant strategic corridor however the light rail alignment is still the dog leg through Barton.
 - Will there be shuttle services to Barton?
 - There is the R5 Celise bus rapid service servicing Barton and Russell to the City until a further stage of light rail is built on the Kings Avenue Bridge.
- There was a discussion about Southlands

4 5 minutes from MLAs

Ms Caroline Le Couteur

- The petition for planting more trees is seeking 7,000 more trees per year. The urban forest is decreasing by 3,000 trees per year. Better suburbs agreed that 30% tree canopy would be appropriate. We have just survived the 40 degree summer and trees will help reduce climate change.
 - What about natives v exotic trees and developers knocking down trees?
 - The appropriate tree should be planted and developers should replace trees
 - Are the trees being looked after once planted?
 - Would like to promote an 'adopt a tree' policy where the community waters street trees.
 - Can you plant your own street tree?
 - Yes, however there are regulations about not impeding the view
- Legislative Assembly sitting next week and the Greens will discuss political donations

Presentations

5 Better Suburbs - playgrounds and Eddison Park nature play - TCCS

- Two citizens forums run which produced the Better Suburbs Statement
- The second one used participatory budgeting to allocate \$1.9 million on playgrounds
 - There are 3 new nature playgrounds – Eddison Park, Farrer and Glebe Park
 - 5 whole of suburbs reviews – includes Torrens and Lyons is the first reserve
 - Other allocations to upgrading current playgrounds and amenity
- A Whole of Government play space strategy will be developed
- Playgrounds that connect to the community for wellbeing eg by co-locating at shops

Eddison Park

- consultation through Your Say, with schools and shops
- bike track and water play were popular
- 18 February co-design workshop in the Park
- building scheduled to start in April

Questions

- The creek is fed by storm water and it does not flow, it is popular with the ducks that spread fertiliser?
 - the water play will not be at the creek if that is not what the community want
- Why is there fencing?
 - fencing is for people that run in different directions and need a fence

Farrer play space

- Petition undertaken for better play space
- Thursday 28 February co-design session
- Bike track, climbing in the trees, not water play

Torrens

- Petition undertaken for better play space
- One of the 25 priority suburbs
- Design group meeting on 12 February 2019
- Engaging landscape architect
- One feature play space design upgrade and a concept design for the whole suburb for all ages

6 Climate Change national citizen science project – Ms Catherine Keirnan EPSDD

- RMIT project across Australia over the summer
- Ned to understand microclimate to understand climate change impacts
- Town centres have heat island effects due to buildings and roads
- Grasslands that are treeless are also very hot eg the airport
- The project will measure surface temp, wind and humidity in different parts of the Town Centre

Questions

- The building industry is putting in buildings that will be very hot?
 - Trying to work with building industry
- Why don't you take satellite shots and have the scientists monitor change?
 - At the beginning of working out how to measure effects

7 N12 on Easty Street – Canberra Town Planning

- Corner of Easty St and Wilbow St
- looking to submit development application shortly
- requirement to replace parking
- active front on Wilbow and Easty St and café on south west corner
- 2 towers on the north – 25 storeys
- South east - town houses on the podium
- South west - 9 storey tower
- Podium (ground plus two) - has community open space
- Shadowing – winter solstice – check the Hindmarsh website
- Around 450 apartments

Questions

- what do you mean by town houses?
 - Courtyard at the back
- will the podium be landscaped?
 - Yes

- is the realignment of bike path far enough away from the café and the drain?
 - yes, so they don't fall in the drain
- have you done wind studies?
 - yes, looked at dispersing the wind
- concerned about fire safety and the height of fire engine ladder
 - there are no fire engines with ladders that high however the planning requirements are followed
- people are so concerned about overshadowing so they have started a petition, the site is in a two and three storey area and inappropriately zoned as it is not the Woden Town Centre. We are the bush capital and we want that to continue. We shouldn't have to fight for our right to sunlight. Will N10 exacerbate these issues?
 - We are the developers and we have development rights, zoning is done by the ACT Government
- The two 25 storey towers will cause most of the overshadowing?
 - We looked at different forms of the buildings
- What has changed?
 - Changes include the podium reduced by one storey, the south west has reduced from 11 to 9 storeys
- I am curious about the traffic studies?
 - The numbers of apartments has reduced, the south side of Woden East has fewer apartments than planned so less traffic moving through
- Is there any danger of flooding?
 - Basement designed to accommodate water, designed for 100 year floods
- Will you replace the carparks?
 - Yes, about 90 carparks currently there that will be replaced
- Have you got the energy ratings?
 - Should be about 7.5
- How many will have solar access?
 - Some will get three hours in the morning, some in the afternoons. There is an atrium with cross ventilation
- Will the balconies be on all storeys and all sides?
 - yes
- How long will construction be?
 - Governed by sales
- Will there be setbacks?
 - Ground and two storeys straight up and then reticulation of the buildings
- Will the subbies park on the grass and compact the grass?
 - Trying to ensure designated parking
- Will there be solar?
 - No, not much room for it

We appreciate Hindmarsh coming to our meetings to discuss their development and listen to the community.

Meeting finished.

Next meeting first Wednesday of March 2019