

Minutes of Public Meeting

7 pm Wednesday 7 November 2018

Canberra Southern Cross Club

AGM

Estimated attendance: Sixty

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1 Welcome: Public Officer, Mr Eric Glass: Welcomed and thanked attendees.

- MLAs in attendance:
 - Minister Stephen Smith
 - Minister Steel
 - Ms Caroline Le Couteur

2 Mr Glass requested nominations for the Woden Valley Community Council committee members with the following people being nominated and appointed:

- President – Ms Fiona Carrick
- Public Officer – Mr Robert Issell
- Secretary – Ms Nora Preston
- Committee members
 - Mr Chris Errett
 - Mr Robin Stanton
 - Mr Dave Westende
 - Mr Rollo Brett

3 Chair's Report

Achievements - for the previous 12 months, including:

- The mural of local heroes on Melrose Drive
- The inaugural scooter competition
- WOVA – moving the 24 storey building from overshadowing Bellerive
- Saving 3 hectares of Eddison Park from the expansion of the cemetery
- Announcements for the:
 - Woden Experiment
 - Community Centre

2017-18 Financial report – see Attachment A

Revenue – \$12,821 - ACT Government grant

Expenses - \$13,324.28 (primarily the Melrose Drive mural, insurance, consumables, events)

- The WVCC is in a sound financial position with cash at bank of \$32,750 at 30 June 2018.
- Ms Carrick stated that ideas for these funds included further events and a mural on the squash court (with ACT Government to pay for the paint).

Monthly meeting

- 4 Record of previous meetings:** minutes of the following meetings 4 July, 1 August, 5 September and 3 October approved.
- 5** The Chair welcomed Minister Rachel Smith, Minister Steel and Sergeant Karen Drake (Officer in Charge of the Woden Police Station)
 - Minister Steel spoke about the Woden Experiment and the announcement for a Community Centre
 - Minister Rachel Smith provided an update on urban renewal planning matters
 - Sergeant Karen Drake provided an update on policing matters

Due to the IT not working the meeting moved to another room.

- 6** The Chair was then able to present:
 - the gap analysis showing the lack of community facilities (higher education, indoor sports facilities, publicly funded aquatic facilities and ArtsACT funded cultural facilities) in the Woden Town Centre.
 - The WVCC Budget submission.
- 7** The panel discussed the following matters:
 - Is there a possibility for a land use plan to determine where public spaces and community facilities will be located?
 - Minister Stephen Smith spoke about the Master Plan and the role of a needs analysis
 - Minister Steel spoke about the community centre for Woden Community Service and the options for different sites for regeneration of the Town Centre
 - The original plan for Woden had the east west community spine which was designed to draw community into the centre, does that plan still remain?
 - Minister Steel – the public servants are there in the day and there is no activity at night so mixed use developments will bring people into the centre
 - Minister Stephen Smith - activate the fronts to the Town Square to make it somewhere where people want to be.

- The war on waste, where does the waste go?
 - Minister Steel - Long Gully Tip Road and the recycling plant, staying in Australia
- A lot of people are moving into Woden but our community facilities have been decimated, what are you going to do about the dearth of facilities and how are people going to maintain their health?
 - Minister Steel – Community Centre could have some community facilities and he is aware of the pool and ice skating rink coming to the end of their life. Looking at a new ice skating rink on the south side.
- Roller Derby have moved from the CIT and prior to that from the basketball stadium and now have nowhere to play. The Parliamentary Agreement was supposed to look at a multi-purpose sports hall in Woden.
 - Minister Steel – will work with Roller Derby to find a facility, the schools have facilities.
- Weston Woden Dodgers state they have a lack of training space and other places have local governments developing great facilities.
 - Minister Stephen Smith – there is a wave of facilities coming to the end of their life and the Government is aware of the challenge.
- Regarding futsal – there is no futsal stadium in Woden which has a population of over 30,000 however Queanbeyan and other regional areas with lower populations have facilities.
- Has the ACT Government carried out an audit about inflammable cladding?
 - There is ongoing work at both the ACT and national level around a national approach.
- Over shadowing by the N12 marker building, how will you bring the community with you?
 - Minister Stephen Smith – Hindmarsh have made some changes and the Planning authority have required some changes to development.
 - Minister Steel – the Master Plan has gone through the Assembly and there is no intention to open up the planning again. Developers should consider community feedback. What we heard at the round table is that we need to provide certainty to developers to enable development to occur. We are seeing investment in A&A and WOVA and the investment is critical.
- Chair –
 - to have the community unhappy about the zoning and doing petitions where tall buildings are overshadowing existing residents and public spaces is not providing certainty.

- we did a show of hands at the public meeting at the library and 2 of around 85 people put their hands up for tall buildings around the square, the remaining people were very vocal about wanting solar access in the Town Square.
- Minister Stephen Smith – you can design tall buildings in ways that will allow solar access. The Geocon proposal for a hotel; in Garema place was required to change.
- Vehicles are making as much noise as they can, are the police aware of it?
 - Sergeant Drake - The police are very aware of it and there are prosecutions.
- How come every other state has their own police force?
 - Sergeant Drake – The ACT Government has a purchasing agreement with the AFP, police numbers have not increased with the growing population.
 - Minister Steel – ACT Government cannot have its own police force and extra funds have been provided for the outlaw cycle gangs
- The revitalisation of Woden relies on private investment and it is difficult to access Woden due to the lack of parking. The large apartment blocks do not make it a friendly place. If the Town Centre is too hard to get to then the suburbs need better playgrounds and infrastructure.
 - If we are doing high density how do we ensure 3 bedrooms to encourage families?
- Some difficulties in parking are due to the loss of carparks in the Westfield carpark.

Presentations

8 Mr Ian Mackay - Update on the pitch n putt site

- Stellar has fit seamlessly into the environment and created jobs.
- Sports halls run at a loss so it is difficult for clubs to run sporting facilities without support
- Seeking Territory Plan variation, from CZ6 to CZ2 for residential
- Business case will be undertaken to determine options for development
- Will the development over shadow the school?
 - No
- The loss of one carpark would have allowed for the footpath to go to the door.
 - To be discussed after meeting

9 Acknowledgement of Chris Redmond leaving Woden Community Service and thank you for all his work for Woden.

10 WOVA – Dan Stewart - head of Planning and Development Geocon

- Petition identified issues with the location of the marker building
- Notice of Decision required more information on the following:
 - Modification of building 4 (24 storey moved to Furzer street) on Melrose Drive, change to articulation to reduce impact of bulk and scale
 - A number of other issues including – setbacks, icon water, left hand access on Melrose Drive, street tree requirements, waste, crown lease variation were discussed

Questions and Comments

- Geocon is seeking to subdivide the block into different strata's
- Will there be more 3 beddies to attract more families?
 - Can purchase two apartments to get a larger apartment.
- How many people will live there?
 - Geocon is assuming an average of 2 people per apartment so 1600 people on the 1 hectare site. This is very high density.
- The traffic congestion on the corner of Launceston St and Melrose Drive is at gridlock during the morning peak and many more residential towers will contribute to the congestion.
- The noise from the waste disposal should be minimised and the waste moved into the buildings.
- Is it possible to get some nature play for the children?
 - Geocon will consider.
- The public carpark will be utilised for visitor parks however it is full during the day.
- How sustainable is the building, there are no solar panels so will the electricity bill be large?
- 2 buildings have an additional 4 storeys because the block will be subdivided.

Meeting finished.

Next meeting first Wednesday of December 2018

Woden Valley Community Council Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

INCOME

ACT Government grant	\$12,821.00		
		Total	\$12,821.00

EXPENDITURE

Administration consumables	\$3,418.19		
Advertising	\$299.72		
Meetings	\$557.52		
Insurance	\$1,417.56		
Community events activities	\$1,631.29		
Community mural activity	\$6,000.00		
		Total	<u>\$13,324.28</u>

NET LOSS **-\$503.28**

ASSETS

Opening Balance	\$33,252.86
Add Income	\$12,821.00
Less Expenditure	\$13,324.28
Closing Balance	\$32,749.58

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities	\$0
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