

Minutes of Public Meeting

7 pm Wednesday 5 June 2019
Canberra Southern Cross Club
Estimated attendance: Eighty five

- 1 **Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick**, welcomed and thanked attendees.
 - Meet the candidates forum:
 - Ms Giulia Jones MLA
- 2 **Minutes** - November 2018, December 2019, February 2019, March 2019, April 2019 approved.
- 3 **Hughes tree planting - Celia Craig:**
 - The community is invited to plant 35 trees with the ACT Government
 - date – 3pm on 11 May 2019
 - location - in the green corridor between Kent St and Birdwood St
 - jobs – planning, mulching, guards, watering
- 4 **Closure of the hydrotherapy pool at the Canberra Hospital –**
 - **Ms Rebecca Davey, CEO Arthritis ACT**
 - petition has 1,000 to date
 - flagship program hydrotherapy
 - helps reduce chronic pain
 - provides social place to come together and connect with friends
 - keeps people out of hospital
 - participating in the community
 - about 350 people using TCH pool
 - numbers are increasing – by 40 per cent
 - a safe place, people welcome and supported
 - hydrotherapy is an essential service
 - required to stop bodies breaking down
 - urging government to look at the issue
 - the pool is desperately needed to keep people well
 - private pools are very expensive
 - the government says the pool is aging infrastructure
 - TCH has broken down the least
 - it has been well maintained and is in good condition

Questions

- Does the pool get used by other users of the hospital?
 - no, they travel by bus to the University of Canberra Hospital (UCH)
 - it is not clear why patients travel to UCH pool from Woden, it creates a burden on families.

- **Mrs Giulia Jones MLA**
 - it is a tough time for everyone
 - thank Rebecca for her lobbying
 - local Ministers are not listening
 - if we put enough pressure on the pool could stay open
 - the UCH pool is not appropriate
 - please get on board with the petition, table in the June sittings
 - we will do everything we can in the Assembly

Questions

- We were told the Stromlo pool would have a hydrotherapy pool?
 - Minister's do not understand the requirements for a hydrotherapy pool, temperature and depth
- We should have a public hydrotherapy pool
 - there is not a lot of explanation as to the decision
- We need a plan for the infrastructure

5 Grand Central – Alex Glover and Dan Stewart, Geocon

- Approval granted in 2018 for 18 and 26 stories
- Amendment application included
 - Changes to ground floor and width of driveway
 - Additional car parking
 - Reduced building height by 3 metres
- Alex spoke about a number of changes to the amendment application
 - Improved carpark screening on the southern side to make it less dominant
 - Streamlined awning to improve pedestrian amenity
 - Southwest pedestrian linkage will be impacted by the redesign of the interchange

Questions

- Is the awning on all four sides and is it weather proof?
 - difficult to get a meaningful awning on the south of the building due to the constraints from the bus movements
 - hoping to introduce landscaping with the re-design of the interchange
- Fiona – The previous application to amend the DA was refused because the ACT Planning Directorate found that after the amendment the development will not be substantially the same as the development for which approval was originally given. ‘While it is acknowledged that the intent, built-form and scale of the development is not significantly altered by the proposed amendment, following assessment it is considered that the overall quality and amenity of the original development would be compromised by the proposed amendments’.
 - The community needs to trust the developers to provide good products and not compromise the original designs
- How many apartments? 430
- How many people? 800
- How many carparks? 520
- Will people park in the suburbs?
 - With the implementation of light rail we don't think they will need to (laughter)

6 Candidates forum – for the federal election

- Candidates
 - Ed Cox – Liberal for Bean
 - choice between economy that is growing and more taxes
 - Jamie Christie – independent for Bean
 - plan to burn less carbon
 - advocate for Bean
 - Johnathan Davis – Green for Bean
 - very close election and don't take money from coal barons
 - Dave Smith – Labor for Bean
 - interested in workplace relations, outsourcing, decentralisation
 - believe in evidence based policy making
 - Nick Houston – independent Senate Candidate
 - anti-corruption platform
 - Matt Donnelly – Liberal Democrat for Bean
 - freedom to choose
 - Anthony Pesec – independent Senate Candidate
 - renewable energy and climate change
 - independents can bring sensible policy to the nation
 - Robert Knight – Australian Progressives for Canberra
 - passion for urban planning, politicians determine how our cities look
 - Emma Davidson – Greens
 - Mina Zaki – Liberal for Canberra

- There was a Questions and Answers session

7 Other business

- Hughes statue to be unveiled at the Hughes shop, all welcome

Meeting finished

Next meeting 3 July 2019