

Minutes of Public Meeting

7 pm Wednesday 2 October 2019

Canberra Southern Cross Club

AGM

Estimated attendance: Forty

- 1 Welcome: President, Fiona Carrick, welcomed and thanked attendees.
 - MLAs in attendance:
 - Ms Caroline Le Couteur MLA
- 2 Acknowledgement of Country

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3 Chair's Report

2017-18 AGM minutes - approved

Achievements - for the previous 12 months, including:

- The announcement that the Reid CIT may be located to Woden
- EPSDD Development Application submissions:
 - Demolition of the Woden CIT Site (DA 201935463) – 11 June 2019
 - WOVA reconsideration – (DA 201833492) Phillip – 31 January 2019
 - The Oaks Phillip (DA 201834703) – 30 November 2018
 - A&A Phillip (DA 201834486) – 16 November 2018
- Other ACT Government Directorate submissions
 - Moving Canberra: Integrated Transport Strategy – 31 March 2019
- Meetings and Forums
 - Combined Community Council meetings – bi monthly
 - Environment and Planning Forum – EPSDD bi monthly meetings
 - Red Hill Integrated Plan - EPSDD
 - Torrens Play Space Design Group meetings – TCCS – Dec 2018, March, May 2019
 - Eddison Park Nature Play – 18 February 2019 – TCCS
 - National Microclimate Measurement Citizen Science Project – 9 February 2019
 - Woden Experiment – Community Activation Workshop – 10 December 2018
- Petitions

- 010-19 – Retain the hydrotherapy pool at the Canberra Hospital - presented to the Legislative Assembly 6 June 2019

4 Treasurer's Report

2018-19 Financial report

- Revenue - \$13,901
 - ACT Government grant (\$12,821), Fund Raising (\$678), Honorarium (\$402)
- Expenses - \$9,664.17
 - primarily insurance, administration, IT consumables and events
- The WVCC is in a sound financial position with cash at bank of \$36,987 at 30 June 2018.
 - Ms Carrick stated that ideas for these funds included aligning the expenditure with ACT Government policies, for example, events in the Woden Experiment, tree planting and a mural. A budget will be provided to the ACT Government.
- The Financial report was accepted.
- The Reviewer's Report was provided to the meeting

5 The WVCC committee was dissolved and the new committee elected

- Ms Louise Cook thanked the Woden Valley Community Council (WVCC) for their work over the past year and thanked attendees for their support.
- Ms Cook requested nominations for the WVCC committee members with the following people being nominated and appointed for the next 12 months:
 - President and Treasurer– Ms Fiona Carrick
 - Public Officer – Ms Jacky Fogarty
 - Secretary – Ms Emma Davidson
 - Committee members
 - Mr Chris Errett
 - Mr Robin Stanton
 - Mr Rollo Brett
 - Ms Clare de Castella Mackay

Monthly meeting

6 Record of previous meeting: not discussed

Presentations

7 The Farrer Nature Playground – Rollo Brett

- This is a good news story

- Couldn't happen without Jude Barton driving the agenda
- The community started a co-planning with the ACT Government for nature playground and bike skills track - multi-generational and all ability amenity
- The scout hall has been painted with a rainbow serpent and the children added their hand prints.
- The new park will be opened on Sunday 20 October from 10am till 2pm
 - all welcome – coffee, cake , sausage sizzle
- The Farrer Park volunteer group will take care of the plantings and general maintenance with TCCS
 - An Adopt-a-Park submission has been made

8 AEIOU Foundation and John James Foundation partnership:

- John James Foundation philanthropic and provides grants to the community, primarily for signature building projects, for example the John James Village in Garran for respite for families living with leukaemia and other blood cancers.
 - the facility will be located on Rusden St in Garran
 - 23 carparks
 - DA to be submitted on 25 October 2019
 - start construction Jan 2020 and lease to AEIOU when complete
- AEIOU
 - leaders in education for children with autism, including social and life skills
 - for children aged 2 to 6, also working with the Ricky Stuart Foundation
 - also benefits parents
 - create 20 jobs
 - research team in Brisbane

There were questions and a short discussion

9 SPIRE siting – Ms Fiona Carrick

- Major Projects Canberra held consultation at the Garran Primary school and the community The community expressed concerns, including:
 - **Safety** of the community (especially children) on Palmer Street with ambulances entering the SPIRE from the north of this street next to the primary school
 - **Traffic congestion** – a lack of traffic modelling to understand the impacts on residential streets
 - **Parking** is to be increased on the old CIT site.
 - **Noise** from the helicopter pad (on the 9 storey SPIRE) with residents and children across the road
- Major Projects Canberra will come to the November meeting
- The meeting discussed the need for a Precinct Plan for the Hospital, including the school and the former 5.5 hectare CIT site to ensure the best outcomes for the development of the hospital
- Questions were:
 - where will the development of the hospital be in 20 years?
 - where will the parking be and how will the traffic flows work?

- where is the traffic modelling?
 - how will public transport work?
 - what will the former CIT site be used for?
- The WVCC will advocate for a precinct plan for the area

10 Planning for Woden

- Population increase by 2040
 - around 18,000 people, many in apartment sin the Town Centre
 - around 1,200 primary school children
- WVCC suggesting that Chifley be re-opened (there was a suggestion that Lyons could be re-opened)
- Plan to bring people into the centre for Woden - CIT, multi-purpose sports hall, Arts Centre and the community centre
- A tender is out for the ice skating rink – the WVCC is advocating to keep the rink in Phillip because it is accessible by public transport to people across Canberra and brings social and economic activity to the area.
- The pool should be moved to another site in the Town Centre to allow the ice facility to expand on the existing site
- ACT Climate Change Strategy – seeks to reduce transport emissions but due to the lack of social and recreational amenity in Woden the community is forced into their cars to drive to amenity in other districts.
- Living Infrastructure Policy – tree canopy also applies to the Town Centres
- Can we co-plan the development of Woden with the ACT Government?
- There was extensive discussion about the planning for Woden

11 5 Minute MLA update – Ms Caroline le Couteur

- The Master Plan is completed and then the Territory Plan updates the zoning.
 - The amenities are not included
- The fine has been removed from possessing small amounts of cannabis
 - The Commonwealth laws have not changed

Meeting finished.

Next meeting first Wednesday of November 2019