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Actions on issues discussed at Phoenix Public Meeting – Duffy

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Lack of community representatives from Weston Creek in the rebuilding process.

On the Community and Expert Reference Group (CERG) Weston Creek have two members – The Chair of the Weston Creek Community Council [Jeff Carl] and a member of the Phoenix Association executive committee [Karla Ries]. Duffy residents who lost their house were represented on CERG until about October 2003 by Liz Tilley. Other community representatives from fire-affected areas are Rural Lessees [Dr Tony Griffin], Mount Taylor Estate Resident's Association and ACT Housing tenants [Jo Matthews] and Rural Villages [Wendy Anderson]. There have always been 5 representatives from fire-affected communities within the 17 member CERG (ie nearly one-third of the membership).

No LAPAC (Local Area Planning & Advisory Committee) and no CPF (Community Planning Forum) in Weston Creek

There has never been a LAPAC in Weston Creek because it was previously not considered a target for redevelopment. However the WCCC has raised concerns with Minister Corbell MLA on the issue of no CPF scheduled for Weston Creek. See minutes
August 2003 regular monthly meeting pg 2
http://www.wccc.com.au/Minutes/wccc%20min%20aug%2003.pdf
February 2004 regular monthly meeting pg 3
http://www.wccc.com.au/Minutes/WCCC%20Minutes%20Feb%2004.pdf

Weston Creek residents have not been consulted on the Canberra Spatial Plan

Many WCCC regular monthly meetings covered this issue. See WCCC submissions to ACT Planning and Land Agency (ACTPLA):
19 Sept 2003 http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/Spatial%20Plan%2019092003%20v1.PDF
16 Dec 2003 http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/Canberra%20Spatial%20Plan%2016-12-03.pdf

The latter specifically addressed the tight time frame for residents to respond.

The November 2003 WCCC regular monthly meeting addressed the Spatial Plan
http://www.wccc.com.au/Minutes/wccc%20min%20nov%2003f_jc.pdf

Weston Creek residents need more time to debate the Stromlo Option for redevelopment and these to be put to Government

The WCCC addressed the issue of a deferment (or moratorium) on development in the Molonglo Valley in our ACT Budget Submission 2004-2005 at pages 2-3
http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/WCCC%20Budget%20Submission%202004-2005.PDF

This deferment was requested to be for five years starting in 2006.

There should be no housing development on the Stromlo Forest area

The WCCC has addressed this in the submission to ACTPLA of 19 Sept 2003 (page 4)
19 Sept 2003 http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/Spatial%20Plan%2019092003%20v1.PDF

There was a special WCCC meeting on 14 May 2003 at which over 230 people attended.
http://www.wccc.com.au/Issues/info%20session%20may%202003%20meeting.pdf

Request for more formal method of consultation over plans for new housing developments

The WCCC addressed the issue of funding of local community groups for land release consultations on the Molonglo Valley development in our 2004-2005 Budget Submission at page 2.
http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/WCCC%20Budget%20Submission%202004-2005.PDF

No consultation on closure of the Recovery Centre

The February 2004 WCCC regular monthly meeting was devoted to the transition of the Lyons Recovery Centre services back into mainstream Government Departments and agencies as well as debating with residents the way forward for the recovery process.
http://www.wccc.com.au/Minutes/WCCC%20Minutes%20Feb%2004.pdf

See also article *Southside Chronicle* dated 24 February 2004 page 10

Lack of replanting of vegetation

The WCCC addressed this issue in our ACT 2004-2005 Budget Submission (see page 3).
http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/WCCC%20Budget%20Submission%202004-2005.PDF

WCCC undertook advertising in Community Bushfire Update Issues 16, 17 and 18.

Canberra Urban Parks and Places (CUPPS) undertook extensive community consultation and surveys through the WCCC and in the *Community Update* Issue 20.

Replanting strategy was the topic of the WCCC regular monthly meeting of June 2003
http://www.wccc.com.au/Minutes/wccc%20min%20june%202003%20f.pdf

The recent passage of DV 200 – the Garden City Variation through the ACT Assembly is allowing dual occupancies in the fire –affected blocks.

Mr. Jeff Carl, Chairperson, and Ms Pat McGinn Deputy Chairperson presented the Weston Creek Community Council (WCCC) submission to the ACT Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning and the Environment.

If DV 200 was not in place fire-affected blocks would be subject to the 'old' planning rules and the situations would be worse – eg the Kathner St dual occupancies could have been triple occupancies.

The WCCC submission is available at
http://www.wccc.com.au/Submissions/COMMENTS%20ON%20DV200jc.pdf

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