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Minutes of the Special General Meeting Wednesday, 26 August 2009

1. Opening of Special General Meeting

It was decided that a Special General Meeting would be opened, and Jeff Carl was nominated (Chris Wilson/Simon Hearder) to run this meeting. The meeting voted to accept Mr Carl's nomination and allow him to run the meeting.

Mr Carl opened the Special General Meeting at 8.07pm.

2. Declaration of Casual Vacancies

Mr Carl declared casual vacancies for all committee positions: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and 6 committee members. He asked for nominations from the floor of the meeting.

Chairman: Tim Dalton was nominated (Tom Anderson/Trevor Wilson) as Chair and indicated he would accept the position. Since no other nominations were received, Tim Dalton was elected unopposed.

Deputy Chair: Tom Anderson was nominated (Chris Wilson/Tim Dalton) as Deputy Chair and indicated he would accept the position. Since no other nominations were received, Tom Anderson was elected unopposed.

Secretary: No nominations for Secretary were received, so this position was left vacant.

Treasurer: Simon Hearder was nominated (Chris Wilson/John Burke) as Treasurer and indicated he would accept the position. Since no other nominations were received, Simon Hearder was elected unopposed.

Committee members: One nomination was received for a position as committee member, and Angela Belluomo was declared elected unopposed.

Six positions remain vacant—Secretary and 5 committee members—and these may be filled at a later date in accordance with the provisions of the WCCC constitution.

Jeff Carl handed over to Tim Dalton as incoming Chair.

3. General Business

As the presenters from the Department of Territory and Municipal Services had not arrived, Tim asked for any items of general business from members.

3.1 Service station site at Rivett: A member asked what is happening at this site. Tim Dalton said the WCCC can make representations to the Planning Minister, Andrew Barr. Charlotte Hearder said that the site is contaminated, because although the petrol tank was removed three years ago, so much petrol had leaked over the years that much more needs to be done to clean up the site enough for it to be used for residential building.

John Burke said the ACT government has said it would give funds to assist with cleaning up such sites. Jeff Carl noted that the site was owned by Shell, which should be able to pay for the clean-up.

3.2 Artworks in Community Parks: Charlotte Hearder reported that she had attended two meetings about artworks in the proposed community parks at Rivett and Weston former school sites. She said the meetings had given useful information to the landscape designers about how people use the areas now.

3.3 Discussions with the Islamic School

John Burke reported on some discussion he had with representatives of the Islamic School. The ACT government has proposed that the Islamic School might move to the site of the CIT Horticulture School in Weston from 2010.

He noted that the ACT government has said consultations would be held with community groups and interested parties before any decision is reached.

WCCC members had several questions:

Q: Is this a done deal?

Q: How many children will be at the school? Where will they play?

Q: Does the Islamic School have ACT accreditation?

A: Tim Dalton said WCCC will find out.

Q: Will the whole site be offered to the school, or only part of it?

A: The Islamic School will use all of the CIT site and possibly the neighbouring ANU site as well.

Q: What is planned for the Xeriscape Garden and the Arboretum?

A: Tim Dalton said he had spoken with Ross Mackay from the Chief Minister's Department last Friday and had been assured that the garden and arboretum will be kept for public use.

4. Presentation on Final Plans for Community Parks at Former School Sites in Weston and Rivett

Karina Harris of Harris and Hobbes, and Fay Hug, from Parks, Conservation and Lands (PCL), TAMS, arrived to give the planned presentation.

Final plans are being documented now, and tenders will be invited in October 2009. It is probable the parks will not be built until the end of January 2010.

There are four park packages, for Weston, Rivett, Kambah and Mt Neighbour. The builders will work on one or two at a time.

The presentation was well received by WCCC members, and Karina and Fay were thanked.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Stromlo Village houses: Jeff Carl asked about the very big houses that have been built at

Stromlo Village. He suggested they are out of character with houses in neighbouring Duffy.

5.2 Deteriorating surface of carparks at Cooleman Court: Trevor Wilson asked if the surface of the carparks at Cooleman Court could be improved, as they are deteriorating quite rapidly. Tim Dalton said he would mention it to Tony Gill of Roads ACT.

5.3 New white lines on Namatjira Drive very noisy: One member said the new road markings are extremely noisy, because cars go bump, bump, bump over them.

Tim Dalton thanked Heather Hughes, Tim Walshaw, and Chris Wilson, retiring members of the WCCC committee.

Next Public Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2009, 7.30pm