

Your local voice

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Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 30 November 2016

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm. The Deputy Chair welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Tom Anderson, Brian Flanagan, John Milne, Trevor Wilson, Shelby Schofield

27 people attended the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Murrumbidgee MLA's – five minutes

Chris Steel

- Has been in Parliament one month
- Intends to come regularly to the meetings or Bec Cody will come
- Grew up in Woden/Kambah
- Worked in the early childhood sector
- Issues in Weston Creek
 - Ageing population
 - Health issues
 - A growing city and the challenges this brings
 - 4000 people are living in Molonglo
 - People are moving into Denman Prospect in January 2018
 - There will be 50,000 people in Molonglo in 20 years
 - Investment in Weston Creek should be in Weston Creek in its own right not just in Molonglo
 - The infrastructure is ageing
- ACT Labor commitments
 - Green waste bins
 - Nurse led walk-in centre
 - Duplication of Cotter Road
 - Swimming pool
 - Upgraded sports ovals
 - Health care is a big issue. \$800m will be spent in the ACT.
 - Education is a focus. There will be an upgrade to Stromlo High School.

- Chris will have his first mobile office at Cooleman Court on Friday 2 December 2016.

Caroline Le Couteur

- Great to be back as a local member
- The election made people focus on ACT issues
- Positives about ACT
 - People like Canberra being green environmentally (bush, parks)
 - Canberra is basically an equal community although there are about 2000 homeless people)
- Negatives about ACT
 - People have lost trust in planning decisions
 - We now have an ICAC which is due to be in operation next financial year. A parliamentary committee will finalise details.
- Transport issues
 - Stage two of light rail will be coming to Woden
 - An extra \$30m will be put into active transport including:
 - Walking/cycling
 - Age friendly suburbs
 - Upgrades to footpaths
- Agreement between ALP and the Greens
 - Better active transport
 - Affordable housing
 - Light rail to Woden
 - Mental health (Shane Rattenbury is Minister)
 - Climate change (Shane Rattenbury is Minister)

ACT Public Housing Renewal Taskforce

There was no speaker at the meeting but someone will come to the February meeting.

Weston Creek Dog Park – Jamie Dawson and Ella Doney - Transport Canberra and Civic Services

- The original consultation process, which was finalised 20/9/2016, looked at three sites none of which were found to be suitable.
- A fourth site on Eucumbene Drive has been considered
 - It is off Warragamba Drive near the ridge line.
 - It is close to Weston Creek and Molonglo
 - It is adjacent to Narrabundah Hill and Mt Stromlo Forest Park
 - Part of the block was impacted by emergency services (fire hydrants on site) so the proposed site has been moved to the east.
 - It is past the forestry depot.
 - There is an access road where there is an existing dirt track
 - There is a car park where the forestry depot was.
 - It is close to existing water services
 - There will be seats, trees, shrubs etc
 - There are no traffic problems
 - There are no houses close by but there will be a buffer to the closest

- residences
 - It is able to be fenced
 - There are panoramic views once you are on the low ridge
 - It is accessible by public transport
 - It is the right size.
- There are two options from the car park:
 - Northern end
 - Accessible graded pathway with a gentle grade
 - Double gates
 - Small dog park 0.25ha
 - Large dog park 0.75ha
 - Entry to both parks
 - Southern end
 - Entry to both parks
 - Some undulation
- Still working with key stakeholders
 - Can use yoursay website
 - Working with WCCC and ACT Equestrian
 - The driveway covers part of the Equestrian Trail
 - Traffic management will be used to slow traffic on the driveway

Q. Have you done any Environmental Impact Studies? If so there is a need to do a new one.

A. Yes. There are no endemic species. The block has already been totally disturbed. There is only one eucalyptus. It used to belong to DHA. Part of it has already been fenced. We will take your comment on board and will update the website.

The ACT Equestrian association is still not happy. We were told in September that the access would be off Eucumbene Drive and we were ok with that.

- The access is now off Warragamba Drive which crosses a forty year old equestrian trail.
- We are not confident it will be safe.
 - There will be dogs off leash adjacent to the park which poses a risk for riders.
 - We are not happy that enough is being done to mitigate risk
- We would like better access from another place.

Q. I thought the access was off Eucumbene Drive?

A. We couldn't meet standards. There are fire hydrants in the way and the land is boggy.

Q. With the dog parks in Yarralumla and Tuggeranong the grass is all parked on. How will this be different?

A. there will be 36 car spaces 80-100m from the road. They will be approximately 50m past the Equestrian Trail.

Stromlo Aquatic Centre – Dave Jeffrey, Sam Croser - Active Canberra (ACT Government).

This is the start of community consultation.

- Go on to yoursay.act.gov.au
- What else is wanted by the community (this will inform the request for tender)
- Closes 25/1/2017 – eight week process
- The location is on the northern part of Stromlo Forest Park.
 - This will be a unique sporting precinct.
- There were no suitable sites in Weston Creek.
- The key facilities will be:
 - A 50m pool
 - Program pool approximately 20m pool which is shallow
 - Change rooms
 - Reception, administration spaces
 - Kiosk/café
 - It is unlikely that a dive pool will be included in the \$30m allocated.
- The site allows for future expansion e.g. for a water play park, gym etc.
- We have gone out with an Expression of Interest to three suitably experienced contractors.
- Construction is expected to start in late 2017 with completion in 2019.

Q. Have you considered disabled people, heated pools etc. for treatment and plenty of parking?

A, Disability access is mandatory. A hydrotherapy pool is an option on the yoursay website survey. It was not provided for in the initial design. There will be a program pool heated to higher temperatures, 30-31 degrees, for rehab opportunities. There will be a lot of parking and easy entry. Lifting devices are part of the design.

Q. Will the children's area be separated from the gentle exercise area, unlike in Tuggeranong?

A. Those elements will be part of the architectural design.

Q. Is the site part of the ridge?

A. The site is currently a gravel car park for large vents.

Q. What will happen for parking for large events?

A. This will be part of the ongoing design.

Q. What is happening about a diving pool? This will be an issue.

A. The government is still considering the future of Canberra Olympic Pool.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 26 October 2016

Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved: Rosemary Drabsch

Seconded: Chris Wilson

Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 26 October 2016

- Nil

Treasurer's Report

- \$2849.09 Main Account
- \$3028.97 Fetherston Garden Account

The Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate has advised that WCCC will receive its annual grant of \$12,781 shortly.

General Business

Public meetings

- The public meetings are going back to the Raiders Club at Weston.
- They will be held in the downstairs room.

Q. Did you check out the Southern Cross Club?

A. We wanted to stay in Weston Creek. We have looked at many venues.

Road works

- Cotter Road joining Belconnen
 - The contracts are about to be let but they won't be building a bridge over the Murrumbidgee anytime soon.
- Cotter Road duplication
 - The bridge over Yarralumla Creek is supposed to start 12 January 2017 but appears to have already been started.

Q. What do people think about the new seats in Coleman Court? They are too low, too soft and there are not enough of them. They have taken away the individual tables and chairs and put in large tables. If someone sits in the middle of the table there is less room for other people. WCCC should write to Mirvac.

A. We have a good relationship with the centre management. We will draw this to their attention but we know they are concerned about the safety of shoppers.

Flyers

- WCCC has put in two stands for flyers in Coleman Court, There is one on each end.

Chip and Seal road sealing

- They are now doing Streeton Drive with Chip and Seal. This is not good enough and WCCC will complain.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 22 February 2017
Raiders Club
Liardet Street, Weston