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Minutes of General Meeting Wednesday 27 February 2019

Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.39pm. The Deputy Chair, McGinn, welcomed members and guests Caroline Le Couteur MLA and Ed Cocks – Liberal candidate for Bean

Apologies:

34 people attended the meeting.

PRESENTATION

Moving Canberra – Integrated Transport Strategy – Geoffrey Davidson and Tim Wyatt
Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS)

This is a draft moving Canberra strategy. Presentations have already been given to Inner South Combined Community Council and Belconnen Community Council. Feedback is being sought on priority actions via surveys and workshops.

The key focus areas are:

- active travel
- future transport
- safety
- accessibility

The YourSay survey closes 8 March 2019 and written submissions by the end of March 2019. YourSay provides an opportunity for people to tell us their priorities and let us know any additional issues or activities we should consider.

The strategy is:

A future transport experience that is modern, sustainable, integrated and provides real alternatives to driving.

The drivers for change are:

- environmental challenges
- emerging technology
- a changing population
- urban renewal and changing densities
- our health and wellbeing.

The strategy's vision statement is supported by six key vision principles

1. An Integrated Network
2. Transport that is Part of Our City
3. Meeting our Customers' Needs
4. Becoming Australia's Cycling Capital and Most Walkable City
5. Achieving Net Zero Emissions Transport
6. Ensuring Canberra is Future-Ready

Next steps:

- 'What We Heard' report in April
- considering feedback and finalising the strategy for the government by mid-year.

Q. Does it fit with Light Rail?

A. Light Rail is a big component.

Q. What are the measures of success? Very supportive of what you are doing. How will it be communicated back to us?

A. We are determined for this to drive change. The KPIs are in the strategy document – safety, accessibility, productivity. There will be regular reporting.

Q. We are close to Belconnen. Why can't we get there by public transport? Why can't we get to Stromlo Forest Park?

A. Investigate using a demand responsive service. You can plan trips around what you want. 24 hours notice is needed.

Q. Do you know where we are going, how we want to get there etc?

A. We are getting better at this. We have a Household Travel Survey. Most trips are outside of peak hour.

Q. Parking costs are prohibitive. Integration and state of existing bus services in district should be considered. There are lots of empty spaces in buses that don't stop in the right places – Fisher, Waramanga. The Weston to Woden buses are empty most of the time. Can we have it go around the suburbs rather than straight down Hindmarsh Drive?

A. This is what strategy is proposing – interactive, park and ride, integrated.

Q. I am hoping the new bus service will be an interim measure. The removal of the 700 services seems to indicate that people can't go straight to anywhere else other than the City. Many streets don't have enough bus stops. Why? What is the reasoning behind it?

A. Public transport systems work better when there is higher frequency. There was three bus services, now there are 10. The new bus network can connect people to rapid buses.

Q. It is difficult to drag people out of cars so you have a big task ahead. Credit to Action Buses but they are going back to a sine rather than suburban routes. The biggest bang for your buck is peak hour but you should be linking people to other work areas rather than just Civic. People don't want to multi-trip. What are your thoughts?

A. That is the challenge because Canberra is easy to get around. We are using the hub and spoke approach.

Q. Two points – active travel and safety. Any thoughts on reducing suburban limits? In my area there are no footpaths. Need to consider 30kmh as this is the safest.

A. Possible action – 40kmh is the default speed. Lack of footpaths is a part of the strategy.

Q. Where are we going with ACT government ride share app? I would be happy with an electric car but we need somewhere to charge them. I run with roads rather than buses because the infrastructure already exists. I am happy to share my car.

A. Lots of infrastructure on roads and it cannot be sustained. We are not saying don't drive your cars but need to look at other alternatives. Sometimes a car is the best option. We won't be doing an ACT government sponsored ride share app. Look at the Transport Canberra journey planner on the website.

Q. Reducing speed limits to 50kmh didn't work. What is being done about enforcing or policing

shared zones? What about recording

casualties not just deaths.

A. The reduction to 50kmh has reduced deaths nationally. ACT has the largest number of casualties due to speed because there is no congestion (so we can go faster). Speed limits are set for when mistakes happen – driver, pedestrian, cyclists

Q. There is an emphasis on active travel. Have you considered the aging population and low density? What strategies will get people on active travel as bike use is not growing?

A. Cycling has flat lined. We are looking at integration. Weston Creek has benefited from improvements in age friendly updates. There is no magic bullet.

Q. You haven't mentioned an origin to destination survey. Has one been done? What happens if Light Rail Stage Two doesn't go ahead?

A. Light Rail Stage Two will go ahead.

Q. What about use of improved vehicle technology?

A. A fleet of cars in the community takes twenty years to turn over.

WCCC will be putting in a submission on the Integrated Transport Strategy.

Waramanga Play Space - Renee Duarte TCCS

Last year TCCS held Better Spaces forums including Play Space forums. The Play Space forums were held in August and October 2018. There were 6 sessions involving 50 randomly selected members of the community. It was a trial of participatory budgeting with the participants being provided with a lot of information and then having to decide where the allocated \$1.9m should be spent.

Nature Playgrounds:

• Edison Park Woden	\$175,000	
• Farrer	\$150,000	
• Glebe Park	<u>\$175,000</u>	
		\$500,000

Whole of suburb playground reviews:

• Richardson	\$75,000	
• Narrabundah	\$75,000	
• Higgins	\$75,000	
• Waramanga	\$75,000	
• Torrens	<u>\$75,000</u>	
		\$375,000

Amenity upgrades:

• Refreshed playgrounds eg sails, better paths, new seating	\$100,000	
• Community requests	\$200,000	
• Fenced play spaces	\$75,000	
• Farrer dirt bike track	\$20,000	
• Access and inclusion	<u>\$130,000</u>	
		\$525,000

Playspace refresh e.g. new paint,
new mulch, new borders

• 16 play spaces in priority suburbs including \$30,000 for Bunbury Street Stirling		<u>\$500,000</u>	\$1,900,000
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Plus an additional \$150,000 for a Whole of Government Playspace strategy to be delivered in 2019-20.

The priorities framework developed:

- Quality over quantity
- Connection to the community – physically and socially including co-locating with existing amenities
- Playspaces are inclusive – all ages, all abilities, 0-3 years, older and disabled
- Playspaces enhance physical and mental wellbeing
- Playspaces enhance and preserve the natural environment
- Equity across the city – number, variety and location – older suburbs are missing out.

Glebe Park - a nature space with community co-design.

Edison Park - also community co—designed. It will take into consideration Woden Plaza, Southside Farmer’s Markets and local schools. Construction will begin in April.

Farrer - will consult by way of pop ups at schools and community workshops. The final design workshop is 28 February 2019. It is expected to start in June 2019.

Waramanga

- establish a design group of community leaders in the suburb and create a stakeholder list
- engage a landscape architect by 28 February 2019
- co-design the Playspace in partnership with the whole community
- active engagements in March and May
- final designs, including suburb play map and one key Playspace by 30 June 2019
- aim to plan for a better mix of play across the suburb
- learn from this process for a more holistic way of considering Playspaces.

Design Groups:

- champion the process to the community
- guide the approach to engaging the community
- assist with promoting engagement sessions
- meet four times between March and June
- endorse initial and final Playspace design.

Q. Are school playgrounds being considered? They are often fenced off.

A. Yes. This was identified by forum members. Maybe the school and playground can be fenced off separately.

Q. we need shade sails and seats.

A. Shade sails cost \$26,000 each.

Q. You talk about quantity over quality but you need more near people’s homes. Can you reconsider?

A. We are looking at a 400m walking distance, consolidating two poor quality into one better one.

Q. Coombs has eight Playspaces but there are no toilets or parking. The new one will look like Disneyland with six barbecues, 20 carparks and basketball courts. This is a regional space and should be put somewhere else.

A. I don’t know it. I can talk to you later.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of 28 November 2018

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

Moved: Jenny Adams

Seconded: Chris Wilson

Carried.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 28 November 2018

- Nil

Treasurer's Report

- Main Account \$9057.26
- Fetherston Garden Account \$9079.07

Business arising from the Treasurer's Report

- Nil

Other Business

- Bus interchange at Cooleman Court – some people are not happy with the new parking arrangements, others are.
- Developments in Molonglo
 - Three have been refused
 - WCCC put in submissions against them as did several community members.
- Submissions WCCC committee is preparing/has prepared responses since Christmas:
 - Drones – submission suggested minimum heights, flying over green spaces rather than homes and keeping the base away from homes.
 - KFC proposal Wright – submission spoke about it being near housing developments, that it would be noisy and smelly, there was not enough parking and the sign was too big.
 - Electoral Boundaries for 2020
 - National Capital Authority Draft Amendment 91 - the Gateway Proposal. The combined Community Councils are putting in a combined submission.
 - Integrated Transport Strategy
 - Planning Strategy 2018
 - Molonglo River Reserve
- A Men's Shed has been opened in Rivett. It moved from Kambah.

Murrumbidgee MLA's – five minutes

Caroline Le Couteur

- Presented a petition about losing 3000 trees per year.
- There is an ACT fuel price enquiry.
- There is an enquiry into recreational use of cannabis –growing and consuming

Q. is there any update on the Coombs shops and what is happening with the owner?

A. Nothing is being done. The lease enables the owner to do retail. The ACT government has never successfully reclaimed a commercial lease. The government did not realise they had an incompetent developer.

Q. Will the new trees be kept free of firebreaks?

A. Yes

Ed Cocks - Liberal candidate for Bean

- Running because there is a need for good representation. One party has held the Canberra seats for a long time and we need a balance.
- Born in Woden Valley
- Lived here all his life.
- If there is anything, you need please contact me.

Q. Gary Humphries was doing a good job but was shut down by the Liberal party machine. How can you represent Canberra without being shut down?

A. I have made many presentations to the federal government about keeping the APS here. We need a Liberal member.

Q. Would you cross the floor on a matter of principle?

A. Yes, that is a fundamental right of Liberal Party membership.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 27 March 2019
Raiders Club, Liardet Street Weston**