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PUBLIC MEETING. WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL 2021

MINUTES

See also video of meeting, live streamed and uploaded to WCCC Facebook page

Committee in attendance: Janice Paull, Simone Hunter, Bill Gemmell, Warwick Lavers, Michelle Bourdet
Committee member apologies: Shelby Schofield. **Leave of absence:** Tom Anderson.

MLAs in attendance: Emma Davidson, Dr Marisa Paterson, Giulia Jones
Apologies: Liam Foley, Trevor Wilson, Andrew Collins (Woden Valley Gymnastics Club)

Meeting opened: 7:37pm. 6 signed in attendance plus guests and MLAs. Others in attendance signed in through QR code. Unique Facebook 271 views of meeting video at 14.5.21.

7:30pm Welcome to members and guests: Janice Paull – Chair of meeting. Welcomed people in Community Centre and those watching online.

Acknowledgment of Country – Bill Gemmell

We are honoured to be meeting on the ancestral lands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge these First Australians as the traditional custodians of this land, whose cultures are among the oldest living in human history. We pay respect to the Elders of the communities in the Murrumbidgee region and extend our recognition to their descendants – past, present, and future.

7:40pm Presentation by ACT Health and Q&A– Phase 2 Master Plan for Canberra Hospital.

Draft of Hospital Master Plan options.

See also slide show.

Presentation: David Jones

About to head into a more detailed phase of consultation. Do not have the report on feedback with them tonight as they are in a transition phase. Some themes with information that they have been given include:

- Car parking, clinical services upgrade and location, connectivity, safety, and security of site, how the hospital plan assists with staff retention, outdoor areas as a spread-out campus, and play spaces.

Phase 2 will start in a few weeks.

Issues raised by participants:

When and how do we get the detailed information.

Concerns of consultation phase process and timeline. Disappointed that report not available tonight.

Sample questions from the floor:

- Q: Who are the key stakeholders and how are they being consulted with? A: Stakeholder groups, staff, events such as community council meetings.
- Q: Why aren't you developing a new green site? A: We have had comments on this but are confident that they can develop contemporary site. Government is looking at a north side hospital. Canberra Hospital will remain main tertiary hospital.
- There was commentary about the Paul Costigan article, not convinced hospital is at the best site.
- Territory wide plan - Clinical services plan will detail the service delivery.

8:00pm Murrumbidgee MLAs

Emma Davidson MLA

Disability assistance, respite care is available. \$500 small grants for individuals to assist with small items such as accommodation. Aim is to help reduce social isolation. There is a link on Emma Davidson's Facebook page and the Community Services website.

New laws were passed to better protect vulnerable Canberrans and to help prevent abuse.

Opened refurbished mental health unit. The unit was given the Ngunnawal name, Gawanggal, which means honey.

Q: Where is the Centre? In Belconnen.

Q: Council seeking funding for garden project, can we tap you for support in principle (and other MLAs). Yes, Send me an email with details.

Giulia Jones MLA

These are busy times. Liberals had tried to move a motion about policing, feel police are under resourced, but it received a firm no.

In the Chamber Giulia Jones asked the Health Minister about concerns of the length of the endoscopy wait list, Minister will come back in September with plan on how to address this.

Giulia Jones toured the new long stay mental health unit on Calvary campus.

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Useful information for the Hospital (also found on their website): Hospital clinic off new intensive care unit, increasing to 60 beds. New emergency department, new coronary care, and expansion of theatres.

In the Assembly Marisa Paterson moved motion to call on the government to regulate IVF, this received tri-partisan support, which is fantastic.

Police engagement – there is a pop-up engagement happening at Woden.

Q: In your climate change role/committees has there been consideration for the smoke issues in Canberra? The Asthma report is out. Concerns about toxic air pollution. A: Currently Marisa Paterson is Chair of the inquiry into sustainable and renewable energy. At the moment, wood heaters are not being discussed, Marisa Paterson will take this to committee.

Q: We have different topography and hazards in Weston Creek. Why don't we have an air monitoring station in this area? The report for here is from Monash.

A: Good Question. Emma Davidson provided additional information. In the ACT March Government published a response to the Royal Commission natural disaster report with recommendations including to develop forecasting capability, number 14:2 is about air quality. The ACT Government agreed in principle to strengthen forecasting abilities. It appears to be a cost issue.

Q: Regarding the hospital consultation: How much is the contract for (total) and how much of the budget gets spent on the consultation phase? How much money has already been spent on the Duffy shops consultation?

A: All being done by TAMS. Giulia Jones will follow up.

Email all MLAs to investigate budget break downs of projects.

NOTE: It is helpful to get questions in email to the MLAs, so they can find out for us.

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of February 2021. Motion to amend attendance and apology notes: Ryan Hemsley to be recorded as apologies for meeting. Moved: Bill Gemmell. Seconded: Michelle Bourdet. Accepted: yes

Minutes of the meeting of 31 March 2021. Moved: Bill Gemmell. Seconded: Mark Boast. Accepted: yes.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of March 2021. None

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Main Account WCCC Smallbiz account: \$15 062.12
- Fetherston Gardens Account: \$8 435.43

See also Power-point presentation.

Presentation: WCCC currently drafting a letter to Chief Minister. Community input invited and welcome.

Job creation and infrastructure investment. Some suggestions:

- Rebuild the Streeton Drive corridor

- Dedicated cycle lane,

Responding to climate change and supporting the most vulnerable

- rezoning *Coolo Park* to open space
- air quality monitoring station in Weston Creek

Charting the path back to a balanced Territory budget

- Raiders deconcessionalisation monies to be quarantined and spent in Weston Creek.
 - Review of ACT Planning laws
- Attachment letter includes: Police, upgrade of Brierly Street, upgrade of Weston Creek Community Centre, upgrade of Cooleman Court precinct, car parking, bus network, toilets at Fetherston Gardens, local shops, arterial roads out of Weston Creek.

Please send any suggestions to info@westoncreek or let us know on our Facebook page.

Issues raised by participants:

Continuing the bike lane

Reducing speed limit to 60km

Using Black Spot funding

Fisher shops upgrade (for this term)

BBQ area behind Fisher shops to be fixed in this term.

Brierly Street upgrade

Tables and chairs in *Coolo Park*

Events funding for the Weston Creek area.

HAVE YOUR SAY, FEEDBACK FROM THE FLOOR.

Sewerage vent behind the scout hall, can this please be checked? There should be a flame to burn this off.	<i>Coolo Park</i> , can we have small market days there? Response: Committee has discussed this. Suggestion: A better space may be behind the actual Centre. This gives some shade, foot traffic, close to amenities. A good idea.
Maintenance of on road bike lanes a concern.	The skate park has a street art project planned in partnership with ACT Government.
Road safety situation, in particular intersections not controlled by lights. Matter of urgency. Reduce limits on Streeton and Hindmarsh Drives.	Cycle Route C5 off road for bicycles is meant to meet certain width, but it does not meet these standards. Therefore, it is not safe.
Namatjira Drive double speed humps at intersection (raised safety platforms). Project also modernizing bus stops. These are traffic calming measures.	Floriade pop up at Chapman. Worked well last year as a community activated space. Hope to do the same this year. WCCC submitted an application, and we will hopefully find out the outcome on the 13 May.

Close of meeting: 9:02pm. Thank you from the Chair for good discussions.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 26 May 2021.Environment focus.
Community Centre Weston