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PUBLIC MEETING. WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 2021

MINUTES

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

Committee in attendance: Janice Paull, Bill Gemmell (WCCC Interim Chair), Shelby Schofield, Michelle Bourdet

MLAs in attendance: Minister Chris Steel, Emma Davidson MLA, Giulia Jones MLA

Apologies: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Simone Hunter (WCCC committee member), Michelle Weston (WCCC committee member), Warwick Lavers, Gina Coulthard.

Meeting opened: 7:32 pm. 14 signed in attendance plus guests and MLAs and WCCC committee members. Others in attendance signed in through QR code.

Unique Facebook 340 views of meeting video at 1/7/21

7:30pm Welcome to members and guests: Bill Gemmell, thank you for attending and for also wearing masks. Chair introduced guests and outlined agenda. Apologies in advance if we cannot answer online questions due to limited committee members present.

Acknowledgment of Country

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.

7:40 pm Presentation by Bill Gemmell

See also slide show.

Presentation:

What we have heard, WCCC overview of your concerns: parking, traffic, and transport

Some topics we have heard that the community is concerned about. WCCC passed on questions to Minister Steel's office and can be covered in this meeting. Examples:

- Brierly Street upgrade
- Shopping Centre upgrades
- Transport and light rail. How will this affect us in the construction phase.
- Parking
- Roads and intersections – including upgrades.
- Questions from the community

- Cycling facilities
- Project funding
- Basketball courts
- Rivett ovals
- WCCC budget letter

8:00 pm Presentation by Minister Chris Steel. Minister for Transport, Minister for City Services, Minister for Active Roads and Active Travel

Minister Steel acknowledged the Ngunnawal peoples.

Minister Steel acknowledged the work of Tom Anderson.

Presentation points:

Brierly Street – options. Thank you to WCCC Council for Brierly Street survey.

What would you like to see? Consultation now until 6 August with July pop ups happening in Trenerry Square.

A lot of road construction and road works happening, planned, and being studied: Examples: Tuggeranong Parkway traffic, a third extra lane a possibility, east west arterial road out of Molonglo planned for 2030.

John Gorton Drive construction starting 2023, large infrastructure project.

Transport Recovery Plan.

WCCC park and ride suggestions.

Feasibility studies are underway, Heyson Street and Heyson Street.

Issues/sample questions raised by participants:

- Q: car parking at the hospital, suggestion underground. A: 1100 places on Hindmarsh Drive, master plan process with parking and public transport key issues of this plan. A range of options could be considered.
- Q: Intersection issues including:
 - Visibility and shrubbery on Streeton Drive
 - intersections Brierly Street and Hindmarsh Drive
 - Mulley street terrible sight lines
 A: Details given - Road Safety Strategy. Construction outlined. Feasibility study.
- Cycle way issues
- Wider footpaths would be good in Weston Creek.
- Brierly Street options.
- Public transport issues and park and ride options. A: Rapid services usually near park and ride. Extra spaces at Weston. Weston Creek connections in the future with light rail.
- Toilets at Fetherston Gardens requested. This is also in the WCCC Budget letter.
- Basketball courts and Rivett Oval: Peak body is looking at Belconnen for basketball courts. Minister Steel will pass these questions on to Minister Yvette Berry.
- Outdoor dining. Widening the footpaths, planter boxes and alfresco dining. Government will also consult with businesses.

Presentation by Mr. Richard Henty and Sophie - Transport Canberra and City Services. Duffy Shops.

See also presentation.

Presentation points:

Duffy Shops has been identified as a priority. Almost 2000 views on *Have Your Say* and high attendance at pop-ups. Consultation undertaken in April and May 2021. Some themes of feedback:

- Playground
- Seating
- Landscaping improvements and green spaces reducing urban heat effect.
- Retain parking in front of shops.

Some design changes:

- Parking in front of shops
- Seating and shading
- path connection to the north

Design plans hopefully ready for August.

Issues/sample questions raised by participants:

- Playground and surrounds design. Area for growing and harvesting the water off the shops for gardening.
- Community gardens for the area around shops.
- Please keep the boulders.
- Bicycle parking will be increased.

9:00 pm Murrumbidgee MLAs

Emma Davidson MLA

- Thank you to everyone for their questions.
- An informative Elder Abuse Week event was organised by Communities at Work, covering topics about: What does elder abuse look like, how can you support people at risk?
- Joy Clay Vulnerable Road Users Bill will be debated in a future sitting
- Vaccination sites – if you are eligible - Canberra airport and Garran for Pfizer and they can cater for those who have mobility/sensory issues. Calvary is the site for Astra Zenicka. Or you can talk with your GP.
- Be COVID safe

Giulia Jones MLA

- Giulia said thank you to Tom Anderson and Pat McGinn for their work on Council.
- Giulia thanked all the committee for working so hard, Giulia enjoyed bulb planting.
- She noted that the Committee had helped with a housing issue.
- The Chose CBR scheme is being looked at.
- Jeremy Hanson MLA has circulated a Directions of Education Paper.
- End of financial year and burdens on community with increased rates and cost of living issues is a concern.
- Chief Health Officer, line ups for testing
- Masks indoors at the moment. 10 000 people on stay-at-home orders. Pfizer stage 3 will be September/October. Pharmacies to give vaccines. There are 70 GP clinics.

- Q: Air quality information including- filters and air conditioning information a concern. To be followed up.

8:42 pm GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2021.

Moved: Shelby Scholfield. Seconded: Rosemary Drabsch. Accepted: Yes.

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2021. None

TREASURER'S REPORT

End of financial year and we have had a busy year and some purchases. Full report will be given at AGM.

WCCC account: \$10 018

Friends of Fetherston Gardens Account: \$5 592.

Chair thanked Treasurer for all her hard work.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE:

Bill Gemmell, Interim Chair:

- Have your say and consultation a good process.
- WCCC has new mobile phone number 0458 756 034.
- District Planning consultation process has started. Let Government know what you think and would like for Weston Creek.
- We are getting a lot of online views with our digital engagement, last meeting had over 700 unique views over a period of time.

CLOSE OF MEETING: 9:15 pm. Chair thanked everyone for their participation. Encouraged vaccinations.

Next Meeting

Wednesday July 2021

Weston Creek Community Centre

Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers. We have also invited ACT Police.