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PUBLIC MEETING. WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2021

MINUTES

Apologies, video of meeting was not able to be live streamed and or uploaded to the WCCC Facebook page due to technical issues.

Committee in attendance: Janice Paull, Bill Gemmell (WCCC Interim Chair), Michelle Bourdet, Michelle Weston. **MLAs in attendance:** Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Apologies: Emma Davidson MLA, Simone Hunter (Committee member), Liam Foley, Noel Tregonning, Dianne Terry

Meeting opened: 7:38pm. 6 signed in attendance plus guests and MLAs and WCCC committee members. Others in attendance signed in through QR code.

7:39 pm Welcome to members and guests: Bill Gemmell. Welcome to our first post COVID meeting and our AGM. Introduced Fiona Carrick who will Chair AGM elections.

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.

7:40 pm Presentation by Simone Hunter SURFACE ART FESTIVAL – deferred as Simone Hunter an apology. Brief outline given by Bill Gemmell.

Points:

- Postponed until March 4-6, 2022
- Mainly around Braddon and Civic, Weston Creek will also be involved
- Simone Hunter will present at next meeting to seek views on mural ideas for Weston Creek

7:42 pm Murrumbidgee MLAs

Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

- Budget estimates for the last two weeks
- Question from floor: Concerning the ACT Budget land release program. One for residential and one for community use. Where are these sites?

ANSWER:

- First site is presently RSPCA. Negotiations underway to move RSPCA.
- Other site is *Coolo Park* site which is in the Master Plan and has always been the plan since 2014.

Private purchase for community use. Purchaser will have to demonstrate their intended use of the land.

Q: When was community going to hear about this, and who is responsible?

A: SLA is responsible, not sure of consultation plan

Q: Will the new precinct plans take the community opposition to the development into account, and will it void the old Master Plan development as it is dated?

A: no

Q: What are the principles of the tender for the land release sites and the private sector?

A: MP once it is bought it will be their property

Concerns raised about the lack of consultation and the transition to new planning legislation which may have negative planning and development impacts on the Weston Creek community.

Q: Re-routing C5 runs up towards Cotter Road. There is a for future development sign near present path. Is there consideration for re-routing, taking into account old AFP site?

What will happen to that land?

Dr Marissa Patterson took this question on notice and will find out.

Q: Do you know why Minister Gentleman has not replied to WCCC letter?

A: No

Other issues raised:

- Plans for tiered car parking
- need for toilets at Fetherston Gardens

7:56 pm GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2020

Moved: Janice Paull. Seconded: Michelle Weston. Carried: Yes

Business arising from the minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2020. None

TREASURER'S REPORT

- WCCC account: \$26 038.19, Mainly our Street Art Grant
- Friends of Fetherston Gardens Account: \$5 589.30

CLOSE OF MEETING: 7:58pm. Chair opened AGM.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 24 November 2021
Weston Creek Community Centre
Simone Hunter, Surface Art Festival.
Rebecca Vassarotti, Air Quality Strategy