



Annual General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association

August 5th 2009 at West Leederville Primary School

Minutes

Present: Adam Roxby, Kim Maddren, Anne Lake, Sue Taylor, Tim Silbert, George Crisp, Peg Davies, Michael Green, Dorothy, Fiona Hogg,

Apologies: Julie Watson, Gordon Taylor, Roger Hughes, Charlie Lenzo, Corinne Macrae

Previous minutes accepted as accurate: Moved: Adam, Seconded: Kim

Business arising from previous minutes

The issue with parking at the community garden was resolved - the people concerned have joined the Sporting Club, and can now park there.

Heritage listable properties: David indicated that the State Heritage Register (Heritage Council) is different from the Town of Cambridge Council list, which has no "teeth". However, it might be a useful "first step". The other option is to create your own Caveat on your property. Adam reminded us that Subiaco Council had recently developed their own register with some controversy. Although WLRA don't wish to get involved in private redevelopment issues, there is some merit in raising the profile of the Heritage list, and David Berry felt that it might be worth Council considering some nominal discount of rates for Heritage Listed properties for that purpose.

The medical development on the corner of Railway and McCourt seems to have stalled, but has been approved by Council.

LED street lights (a possible solution to increasing power costs) - the manufacturer tells us they are as easy to install as changing a light bulb, but Western Power doesn't actually meter the street light power consumption - therefore the power bill will not go down. This is a major disincentive to implement this kind of change.

Urban Planning Review - recommendations of the report have been discussed, endorsing a mix of the Targeted Change and Blue Sky options. It went to Council at the June meeting. Stage 2 is more detailed design work to amend the Town Planning Scheme. A further traffic study (Chris Sandilands Assoc) will analyse the impacts of Stage 1.

Ben Bartholomaeus was apparently assured that there would be further traffic counters on Blencowe street. ***[Adam to enquire of Ben for details]***

Speed camera issue is still being pursued by Tim. ***[Tim to report to next meeting]***

The Kimberley St seagull is being abused by some at around 5.30 pm. This is an enforceable offence, and police might do well to monitor the issue. The traffic flows resulting from the Coles carpark was discussed extensively. In particular, the short term parking adjacent to the Chemist is especially dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists. David also mentioned the possibility of Town of Cambridge acquiring the Bethel site, which might provide an opportunity to resolve the flow. ***[Fiona to draft a letter from the residents to the owners requesting a review of parking bays]***

Correspondence

We have received a call from Sergeant Michael Green from Wembley Police Station, seeking feedback from residents on Police Presence in our suburb. We are circulating a questionnaire. There is a suggestion tabled that a forum including community members, Council and licenced premises might be established. **[Adam to draft a summary response to Sergeant Green]**

We haven't responded to a request from a Commercial entity requesting the use of residential parking permits.

Community Garden Report

Peg spoke to the tabled report.

The primary school will be adding cooking to the curriculum every fortnight to use garden produce.

Our growth is coming from the sub-division of larger allotments.

The theft issue seems to be minimal, but has been noted to be well dressed young professional people.

One of the other benefits of intergeneration interaction was improved social skills for some members.

Kim offered to progress the application for approval for the composting toilet. Peg and Anne will discuss with the Garden Committee, who may be happy to take up her offer.

Treasurers Report Sue spoke to the tabled report.

Presidents Report

The urban planning process has been a productive distraction from our usual business, and we have had a quiet six months otherwise.

We are encouraged to bring up issues to debate and enact.

Committee elections:

Peg is retiring from position of Vice President, but not from the committee. Tim has retired from committee, but has agreed to continue in an administrative capacity. John Townsend retired.

Adam has another year to go as President, but the general concept is that the Vice President will step up to President when the incumbent retires.

Jo McAllister has nominated to the committee, but can't make Wednesday night meetings. Seconded by Anne Lake.

Tracey Johnston nominated to join the committee, supported by Anne.

Fiona Hogg nominated to be on committee, seconded by Tim.

Kate Gaspar was seconded by Fiona.

Jo, Tracey, Fiona and Kate were welcomed to the committee.

Russell O'Neil was invited to join the committee, but although he was keen to be kept informed, he did not wish to join. **[Kim to write to thank retiring members] [Tim to add new members to the WLRA committee email list]**

President: Adam Roxby

Vice President: Anne Lake

Secretary: Kim Maddren

Treasurer: Sue Taylor

Other issues

Tim asked whether there was evidence that the Cambridge St high rise apartments had a sign up suggesting development was about to go ahead, but two years have elapsed since the Council approval. No further information was available.

There was some discussion of the Endowment Lands Act.

There has been a press release announcing a variable reduction of speed limit in Beaufort St: "Electronic signs will display a 40kmh limit during peak pedestrian periods. The signs will operate from: Sunday-Thursday: 7:30am-10pm and Friday and Saturday: 7:30am-1am."

Michael asked whether there was a Council budget for street furniture such as bins - this is usually part of a larger street scape budget, but where a single bin is required, it can be arranged. Discussion ensued regarding the usual process for streetscape design and implementation.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection scheduled for next week at City Beach - email reminder to be sent. <http://www.wastenet.net.au/programs/hhwprog> [**Peg to confirm, Tim to email**]

New Years Eve party will be organised by Kim and George.

We could formalise invitations to our meetings to councillors. David did not feel this was necessary, but it is nice to be invited. [**Adam offered to issue formal invitations**]

We would benefit from a more informal brainstorming session to work through thoughts on issues we might address in the coming year. (eg, Community Men's Shed) **Adam to arrange**]

Next meeting Wednesday 4th November 2009