



Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association Minutes

August 27th 2008 at West Leederville Primary School

Present: Adam Roxby, Kim Maddren, Charlie Lenzo, Sue Taylor, Michael Green, Gordon Taylor, Roger Hughes, Peg Davies, George Davies, Con Anastas, Tony Nolan, Tim Silbert

Apologies: Simon Withers, Julie Watson, Corrine MacRae, Otto Pelczar, John Townsend, David Berry, Christy Barr, Anne Lake, Fiona Hogg, George Crisp

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

<p>Correspondence</p> <p>1. Email feedback on traffic changes Chris Johnson from Blencowe St suggesting a partial road closure in view of the increased traffic numbers and speed. He also raised concerns about the new bridges over the railway at Blencowe and St Leonards, and the traffic lights on Railway Parade. There was consensus at the meeting that if these are in fact traffic (rather than pedestrian) bridges, they will have a marked detrimental effect on residential streets on football days. The idea of community (rather than police) speed cameras was warmly received.</p> <p>2. Enquiry from Oonagh regarding history of Town Hall.</p> <p>3. Email from Paul Fowler requesting support for the small bar license on Cambridge St. See below.</p> <p>4. Concerns about Subiaco Oval Redevelopment were submitted by several individuals, and the committee shares the concern. It seems that SRA is not answerable to either Subiaco nor Cambridge, and we may need to engage with the state government to raise our concerns. (See Council Committee Reports)</p> <p>5. Email regarding inappropriate use of the conservation walks along Lake Monger's eastern side, with concern for long neck tortoise protection.</p> <p>6. A resident emailed asking for advice on how to develop two properties in Argyle Street into three townhouses. He was referred to the RAIA Archicentre, and was advised that to engage the services of an architect would assist with submissions to Council.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Formal report not tabled, as only some allotments rent has been transacted. Need to review signatories</p>	Peg

<p>Council Committee Reports Various reports were tabled as the meetings occurred. Laneway closures discussion at Council Meeting last night was untidy. Although this is not within West Leederville, we do have some similar lanes, so we are watching the discussion with interest. Development committee meeting discussed Town Plan Review of West Leederville (not clearly defined precinct) Chris Antill design and conglomerate have tendered for the urban design study, and we do not yet know the terms of reference, nor whether community consultation is to be engaged. Just how we can influence SRA is unknown - TOC feels that we are dealing with an unmovable giant. Regarding Subi Oval, we need to gather more information from TOC, SRA, Dept Sport and Rec, Subi, DPI, Subi Residents Assoc.</p>	<p>Adam will call TOC, Sport and Rec. Peg will call City of Subi. Michael will call DPI.</p>
<p>A resident commented that in attending this meeting and seeing how WLRA approaches things, we put to rest any concerns he had about 'rubber stamping' our own views as those of the whole community. He suggested that we become more proactive in informing the community of our processes. We do email regularly and post newsletters in local delis, but now will also post a regular notice at Coles. Further information can also be added to the website.</p>	<p>Charlie Kim</p>
<p>Current issues Carbon neutral residential sustainability issues: Michael reported the he and George Crisp spoke to Amy Rayner at TOC - <i>Living Smart</i> document. Course based on sustainable community - transport, power saving, healthy lifestyle. We are keen to look at how this can be used to pull the community together and build connections. Council has a system for ranking councils in terms of sustainability. Council would provide support for WLRA to do some initiatives (eg bulk purchase of low watt light bulbs). Ideas for goals to develop would come from doing the course. We need some simple project such as promoting a carbon-neutral street - start with an email survey.</p>	<p>Michael and George C.</p>
<p>Helping elderly neighbour project We don't know whether we can place students in private homes to help with gardening etc. We need to ask local schools what we might be able to help with. If it is not practical, this item is to be shelved.</p>	<p>Gordon</p>

<p>Welcome pack Shelve for now</p>	
<p>Home business Tim raised concerns about the proposed changes to TOC home occupancy policy which relates to running a business from home. Sustainable communities need to be able to live and work and access services within that community. Council guidelines on what is acceptable for home businesses have changed as part of the Town Plan Review. Policies stifle development in the area, and counteracts the sustainability of the suburb. The policy takes away the discretion of the Council. Home businesses add to local security and help startup. We need to have guidelines to reduce traffic and noise, but also need to consider individual applications on their merit. To draft a letter to review the guidelines.</p>	Tim
<p>Wine bar application Paul Fowler emailed to ask for advice on how to proceed since his application for a small bar license was rejected at Council this week. We respond to suggest he find out the basis of the Council's decision, and proceed as an individual from there. It was noted that several neighbours opposed the development, although other residents were keen to have such a facility in our suburb. It was decided that WLRA could not support such applications as a body, but that appropriate advice on how to proceed could be offered.</p>	Adam
<p>Traffic WLRA did not put a unified stand on the Cambridge street changes at the Special Electors' Meeting, as we all had differing opinions. We are unhappy with current traffic flows, and feel that further changes are required to improve the amenity of our streets. The communications officer has been difficult to contact. Abe, Chris Colyer, to meet to discuss how we can proceed with liaison.</p>	Adam
<p>Traffic position statement Redraft required</p>	Adam, Tim

Garden The make-good clause was discussed, but decided not to pursue this clause.	
Volunteers Breakfast We have three invitations to attend.	
Christmas at Lake Monger Meeting next week.	
Website Discussion deferred	
Next meeting 29th October, 7.30 pm.	