



west leederville residents association

Minutes General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association

Held at 7.30pm on 20 February 2008 at West Leederville Primary School

Present: John Townsend, Sue Taylor, Kim Maddren, Fiona Hogg, Michael Green, Adam Roxby, Tim Silbert, Melita Brown, Sol Karta, Kylie Delic, Shani Mulheron, Winnie Killick, John Van Kampen, Margaret Davies, Laine Bartholomaeus, Ben Bartholomaeus, Tony Poynton, Mary Gismondo, Tracey Johnston

Apologies: Julie Watson, Antonella De Gregoris, Rod McManus, Corrine McRae, George Davies

Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on were presented.

Motion: The minutes of the previous meeting dated October 24, 2007 are accepted as true and accurate.

Proposed: Adam Roxby

Seconded: Michael Green

Carried

2. Correspondence:

- a. Kim presented correspondence from Chris Colyer regarding works planned. (email) Further information from developer Greg Pearce regarding football parking in the Coles Development suggests it may not be a practical option.
- b. Shani presented the Town of Cambridge "Pat Woodridge Precinct" Masterplan (Matthews Netball Centre, Henderson Park, TOC nursery site...). Although we have several points of contact with the site, it is outside our area, and we have enough to deal with at present.

3. Current issues:

- a. Endowment lands have been thoroughly investigated by Jo and Rod. Shani has also done a great deal of research into the history of Endowment lands, and in summary there is little we can do to change the status quo. The Council assures us that although the endowment lands are valued as unimproved land (as for farm land), whereas most of us are valued on Gross Rental Value, the council rates are constructed so as to be equitable. The discrepancy will require an act of Parliament to change it.
- b. Coles Development: Kim reported on the Cambridge street development. The Wembley Ward councillors all voted to send it back to the infrastructure committee because they recognised the traffic issues, but the majority of councillors voted to

approve it. The WLRA had not been formed at the time this went through, but whether we would have been empowered to do anything is unknown - especially in view of the fact that they built a different building from what was approved. The Council plans to remove street parking in that area to improve sight lines. The density of the street scape will create a more Urban Village feel, which may slow traffic down. Peg suggested we look at Fitzgerald Street for an idea of how it can be dealt with. Having spoken to Alannah McTiernan's office, Fiona raised the added complication of the Subiaco Oval approval. The Subiaco Redevelopment Authority could take over parts of West Leederville, and they are very interested in community consultation, and pedestrianising the area. Town of Cambridge are now embarking on a revised Town Plan for this area, and it will be informed by the Oval development. However, they are not delaying existing projects due to the uncertainty. We need to remain in contact with Council on the matter. Adam suggested that we should have a single point of contact to prevent annoying the council officers. Shani noted that we wrote to Dr Fong over a year ago to ask to be kept informed of plans related to the Oval, with no reply.

- c. Rosslyn Street Development: The plans were rejected, but they have now gone to another committee (not the development commission). We need to understand the plans and issues.
- d. Safe crossing of Cambridge street: has been highlighted to Council and The Post. The Police Department has reclassified the crosswalks, so now our manned crossing will be manned by the school. The acting Principal of the school knew nothing of it. The school has difficulty finding a canteen manager - they have no hope of employing a crosswalk attendant. Kim has heard rumours of a potential pedestrian overpass.
- e. We need to write a letter to TOC expressing disappointment at being quoted out of context, and asking that the second phase of road works be activated immediately. Blencowe street residents to be encouraged to write individual letters outlining the personal impact of the traffic changes. Also draft a letter with 300+ signatures from both Blencowe and Kimberley (and other streets) asking for the same changes to present a unanimous front. This to include a maps with changes we are asking for - left turn only at Kimberley/Lake Monger Drive, slow traffic on Cambridge, Pelican Crossing:

Proposed: Adam

Seconded: Tim

Carried

**Tim to check on the effect on traffic flow through Mount Hawthorn Scarborough Beach Road.
Adam to draft letters and run them past all those at this meeting before disseminating.**

- f. Speed Camera followup: The speed camera on Railway Parade has been. The data from the local streets have been confounded by all the road works. The data collectors were in the wrong places (too close to the intersection).

Tim to draft a letter asking for traffic counter data, and further traffic collectors in the correct places.

- g. Kitchener Park Media Policy: Kim proposed that we direct any media enquiries to Shani, who can present a considered and broadly consistent response.
- h. Community Garden: Peg presented the financial statement. The garden is going well. We haven't spent all of the grant, and we have left over funds from the Town. Kim has secured a donation (a large storage shed) from Bunnings, and Michael has submitted building approval. We have submitted an early report.

4. Other matters:

- a. Adam raised the idea of fundraising through car number plates. Tim suggested we do a local wine run to raise funds. Both items were deferred.
- b. Winnie Killick is a West Leederville resident who works at the Southern Metropolitan REgional council, and is involved in many community programs (including Living Smart, Climate Action) See www.SMRC.com.au. She wrote to Town of Cambridge inviting them to make use of her expertise and programs, has had no response from them. For a business to run one of these programs, it would cost \$12000 to audit 20 businesses. We recommend an informal chat with Amy.
- c. Shani is part of a group looking at the 110th Anniversary of WLPS, and is investigating getting funding from Council. She is also looking at developing a website each class can contribute to on oral history. Use school archive of old sporting teams etc. Use keywords of genealogy and indigenous history. History of street names.
- d. Fiona presented drawings regarding the Village Vision. Intended to be a discussion point, and a vision of how things will be in 50 years. The ideas were greeted with much enthusiasm, although there was some sorrow at the loss of some leafy residential streets dear to us.

5. Next meeting: Wednesday 9th April, 2008 19:30 at West Leederville Primary School, Woolwich St, West Leederville