



west leederville residents association

Annual General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association

Held on May 30 2007 at Leederville Bowling Club

Present: 32 as per register

Apologies: Cr Corinne MacRae, Tim Silbert, Jeannette Weeda, Julie Watson

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and overview of year's activities by WLRA president Shani Mulheron.

SM welcomed ToC councillors David Berry, Rod Bradley and Pauline O'Connor. SM reported that WLRA was launched a year ago and had established a successful website. Activities included drafting a comprehensive response to ToC's Traffic Management Review, identifying and prompting the clearance of illegally dumped asbestos at a local building site and identified concerns with Lake Monger. The community garden project had been a great success. WLRA had done a survey of residents' view on parking and created a pro forma response form for residents to use. Helped identify design issues with Cowden Park review which helped reduce ToC works schedule from seven years to two. Other key traffic issues identified were need for roundabout at Southport Street/Railway parade intersection and pelican lights for Cambridge Street pedestrian crossing.

2. Election of office-bearers

Shani Mulheron elected unopposed as president.

Adam Roxby elected unopposed as vice-president

Tim Silbert-Kylie Delic nominated as secretary-treasurer. Peg Davies nominated as treasurer. Executive positions to be clarified at next meeting.

Tim Silbert, Kim Maddren, Sue Taylor, Rod McManus, John Townsend, Peg Davies, Michael Green, Jeff Dawkins, Kylie Delic, Antonella De Gregoriis nominated for general committee positions. Kelly Hick withdrew her nomination during debate. There being no more candidates than positions available, all were declared elected.

3. Minutes of previous meeting on April 24 2007 accepted as true and correct.

Proposed: Adam Roxby

Seconded: Kim Maddren

Carried

4. Correspondence

a. ToC invitation for representatives to attend Summer of Fun Calendar Events meeting. SM and PD to attend.

Proposed: Kim Maddren

Seconded: Sue Taylor

Carried

b. Letter (May 18) from resident Jeannette Weeda concerned at property developer request to remove mature trees in McCormack Lane to facilitate access to proposed units with non-street frontage.

5. Reports

a. Speed cameras.

Carried over until next meeting

b. Traffic Management Review.

AR reported that WLRA had provided comprehensive response to ToC TMR. It was best described as a "framework of ideas" but ensured strong community representation. WLRA drafted pro forma response letter which provided vehicle for residents to respond to plans for changes at Cambridge/Kimberley, Cambridge/Northwood and Cambridge/McCourt intersections. Richard Watson (ToC) informed WLRA of "unprecedented" number of responses which would be presented to ToC infrastructure committee in June. Large number of Blencowe Street residents attended WLRA meeting to express their concerns at proposed changes. Southport intersection remains high on agenda. WLRA should now consider putting emphasis on pedestrian and cycle activity.

c. Cowden Park redevelopment

KM reported that WLRA attended ToC infrastructure committee. ToC to accelerate proposed works program from seven years to two years. A workshop had been established to progress matter. Cr David Berry spoke to report: CP plan had been resigned to take account of public responses, eg: new BBQ relocated from western end to southern perimeter; no limestone retaining wall; reduction of chain link fence on north-eastern side. Lengthy debate about bubblers! \$176,000 had been included in ToC draft budget for works. Works may be finished in one year.

d. Holyrood Park improvements

KM reported that fencing had enhanced park dramatically and increased patronage. KM confronted man believed to be taking photographs of her daughter but discovered he had been sent by Town of Claremont to capture improvements.

e. Council meetings

SM reported that provision of ToC agendas five days before meetings had proved invaluable for WLRA to monitor and identify local issues.

f. Community garden

ST reported that ToC had approved a 12-month trial with 10 x 8sqm allotments at xxx Cambridge Street. Applications from 20-30 people already. Detailed plans would be provided to council and date set for working bee at site. Design would include communal space and individual lots.

PD acknowledged speed and generosity of ToC. Council had contributed \$17,000. Dilemma over how to irrigate site. Permanent link to existing bowling club bore would cost \$10,500 while planned new residential block adjacent to site may have provision for grey water supply. Garden sub-committee had investigated grant sources and would pursue. Would consider sponsorship of project as able to operate independently of WLRA. Community website and WLRA website would have links to site.

Cr David Berry endorsed council support for project. "Council was lukewarm at first but now provides strong support".

g. Mailing list

KM reported that WLRA had a goal of 70 percent (1600-1800) of all West Leederville residents included on mailing list. WLRA has contact data on 650 WL households.

About 30 require hard copy mailouts.

6 Other matters

a. Sponsorship

General debate endorsed view that WLRA should not accept sponsorship. But independent projects such as Community Garden operated at arms-length and were able to accept specific sponsorships without compromising WLRA integrity.

b. McCormack Lane trees

Resident Jo McManus expressed concerns about request to ToC to remove trees from lane between Ruislip and Warwick streets. Tabled photos of McCormack Lane. Spoke to specific issue of community loss from potential removal of trees but also broader issue of increasing infill and housing density forcing lanes to act as de facto roads without being gazetted or having infrastructure to support traffic volumes. Cr Rod Bradley indicated that ToC policy was to remove all lane trees. Cr RB said ToC website lauded enhancement value of trees. JMc said discussions with council officers when lane was bitumenised in 2005 indicated that trees would stay. Significant debate on issue. AR said policy of ToC seeking community reaction was working with residents given opportunity to respond to McCormack Lane issue.

c. Carbon neutral scheme

AR reported he had been approached by developer of 38 Cambridge Street indicating interest in scheme. WLRA could have role providing information to residents and creating awareness of benefits of being carbon neutral. JT reported personal carbon neutral action by selling second car and buying scooter. WL could become scooter capital of Western Australia.

d. Know your neighbour day Sunday, June 10 2007

ST suggested WLRA endorse and encourage street party concept. Highly popular in St Leonards Avenue. Probably too late to promote Know Your Neighbour day but WLRA could post notice on website and email residents suggesting gathering at Cowden Park on Sunday June 10.

7. Meeting closed 9.20pm

8. Next meeting 7.30 TBA at Leederville Bowling Club