



west leederville residents association

## Minutes General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association

Held at 7.30pm on 23 April 2008 at West Leederville Primary School

Present: John Townsend, Sue Taylor, Kim Maddren, Adam Roxby, Tim Silbert, Shani Mulheron, Peg Davies, Mary Gimondo, Mary Faugno, Rod McManus, Roger Hughes, James Best

Apologies: Julie Watson, Michael Green, George Davies, Jeff Dawkins, Allan Langer  
Meeting opened at 7.35 pm

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held on were presented.

Motion: The minutes of the previous meeting dated February 20th, 2008 are accepted as true and accurate with minor changes including 3c

Proposed: Adam Roxby

Seconded: Michael Green

Carried

2. Sustainability Forums

- a. Peg and Adam discussed the idea of having regular forums with invited speakers on items of interest for the community. WWLRA meeting have sometimes only involved the committee, so we may get best attendance by combining with WWLRA and TOC on "one-off" events. eg Waste Management, methamphetamine use (for all parents) perhaps one each six months. George Crisp would be keen to help, TOC would be keen to support it. Mary pointed out that it is very difficult to convince parents that their own children are vulnerable. Tim and Roger offered to seek appropriate speakers. The importance of parental involvement and open discussion was emphasised. Mary raised the importance of reaching out directly to the children. This would need to be approached separately.

**Peg to ask George Davies to seek appropriate speaker for drug night.**

3. Committee memberships/AGM

- a. AGM date set at 18 th June
- b. We have several committee members who cannot continue, and we don't have nominations to replace them yet. It will be possible to nominate from the floor.
- c. Adam suggested that we have an understanding that the Vice president is also the President-elect, and he is prepared to step up to the job if that is the will of the members. There are 12 committee members.

#### 4. Traffic Workshop

- a. James Best joined the meeting, and Adam recapped our issues. Recent changes to Cambridge street have opened the door and made necessary a review of our traffic flows. Blencowe Street is currently being hit hard by the recent changes, and Kimberley and Northwood have long suffered from high traffic. James introduced himself as a facilitator with Applied Innovation Centre. Business Communication pty ltd is his own company.
- b. We resolved that running a Workshop is a good idea. We seek a mechanism to make it very difficult for TOC to say "no" once we reach some conclusions. Need a broad representation of stakeholders - resident assoc, P+C, Neighbourhood Watch, sporting clubs, Blencowe Street Group, churches... Get the information to those groups (rather than individuals) to determine whether they hold the same views, work out an order of priority, then hold the workshop jointly with TOC. Pay a facilitator and develop a formal process. It is always best to work in an open and transparent manner, and involve TOC early. Councillors are one of the key groups.
- c. If TOC can't sponsor the workshop we should be able to get a lotteries grant to pay James as a facilitator. There may also be some unspent funding from within TOC we can access.
- d. We anticipate TOC muddying the issue with Subiaco oval and development around West Leederville. We need an immediate vision, a 5 year vision, a ten year vision.
- e. We might anticipate TOC will want to sponsor it AND take control of the process. They have problems with quantity of human resources.
- f. The objective of the workshop is to focus on the bigger picture than cars and traffic, and traffic will come up as a significant issue. Then we can prioritise different solutions, to share the risk. Look for partnerships. Brainstorm, do some multi-voting, then separate into short medium and long term. The mechanisms will ensure that we will get back to the issues that raised the need for the workshop in the first place.
- g. Kim suggested we approach Alanah McTiernan asking for funding on the basis that we will be a hot spot for travel to the Kitchener Park. Would this put the TOC off side? AM would put it through to the State planning Commission.
- h. We all find change challenging and confronting. That is why we need to take a staged approach, and return to the basic issues before attempting to devise solutions.

#### 5. Recycling bins

- a. Information was gladly received by members.
- b. Hazardous waste (such as NiCad AAA batteries) education project is required. Peg asked that we put anything doubtful in the recycling bin so it can be sorted, rather than going straight to landfill. Tip of the week emails would provide the required information in digestible portions.

#### 6. Coles update

- a. Concerns have been raised about the additional liquor licence - but this is being transferred from Barossa. This also addresses the concern about drunken traffic from the train station. There have apparently been some dramas with the licence transfer.

## **Adam and Fiona to speak to manager of Coles about access issues.**

- b. Coles head office sent an email to contractors. The delivery drivers have been advised of the preferred route, and they are not happy about it. Mary reported that it did seem to make a significant difference.

### 7. Council Correspondence:

- a. Adam reported that we have delegated a Council Liaison Officer, and all correspondence should go via Adam.

### 8. Pelican Crossing

- a. Tim had offered to go and to video the dangerous driver behaviour at the lollipop crossing at Cambridge and Northwood, but was discouraged by Committee members for fear it may compromise our chances of getting a Pelican Crossing

### 9. Ruislip Street

- a. TOC modified the chicanes on Ruislip St by making them wider and raising the level of the road. had a long talk with John Bell, who admitted that their aim was to appease Transperth.
- b. This has also highlighted the inadequacy of their consultation policies.
- c. Sue presented a bicycle path solution to narrow the road.
- d. It was suggested that this would be a focus group in the workshop, with a Ruislip Street stakeholder group led by Roger.

### 10. Garden report

- a. Working bee planned for 10th May - all welcome - bring a barbecue lunch!
- b. Need to level ground and place sand pad for the new shed. Peg will order two box trailer loads of sand.
- c. Adam asked if there was any "make good" clause, which could be worth \$10-15,000. This would be a good time to ask TOC to remove that onus from us, as it would require planning and possibly allocation of funds

### 11. Speed cameras and traffic data

- a. This is not progressing due to high level of flux. We have drafted a letter to ask TOC to place data recorders between Ruislip and Bernard Streets and Ruislip Street and Vincent Street West along Kimberley, and also in Ruislip adjacent to the Catholic Education Centre to determine if perceived speeding is actually occurring.
- b. Cars driving through red arrow at Southport and Lake Monger put pedestrians at risk. We shall forward her email to Main Roads and seek a response.
- c. Scarborough Beach Road, Mount Hawthorn has 14-15000 vehicles per day (vpd). Data taken west of Oxford St shows that despite traffic works (calming, embayed parking and medium strips) the two lanes carry essentially the same volume of traffic as prior to the works. This suggests that appropriate measures on Cambridge would result in better flow and a safer environment. Specifically, in 1997/98 there were 13860 vpd, in 1998/99: 15080 vpd, 2001/02: 14090 vpd and in 2003/04: 13590 vpd.

12. We discussed having a poster (A0) up in the foyer of Coles offering our services and dispensing cards.

13. Next meeting: AGM Wednesday 18th June, 2008 19:30 at West Leederville Primary School, Woolwich St, West Leederville