



west leederville residents association

Annual General Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association Minutes

June 18 2008 at West Leederville Primary School

Present: Shani Mulheron, Adam Roxby, Alan Langer, Kim Maddren, Charlie Lenzo, Sue Taylor, Michael Green, Gordon Taylor, Anne Lake, Rod McManus, Roger Hughes, Peg Davies, George Davies, John Townsend

Apologies: Simon Withers, Julie Watson, Corrine MacRae, Otto Pelczar, Mark Bailey, Tim Silbert, Fiona Hogg, George Crisp

1. Welcome and overview

Shani Mulheron opened the meeting with a reminder of our focus on community. We aspire to be a neighbourhood in which we are confident to reach out to those around us. There was an opportunity to introduce ourselves. Cowden park was to be a seven year plan, but looks like it will be completed within a year. Holyrood park has been fenced, and families are clearly using that park much more than previously.

We can be proud of our role in getting a pelican crossing on Cambridge Street.

We have been promoting the TOC recycling policies, and strengthening our relationship with TOC.

Road treatments to cope with the new retail centre have had significant impact on some of our local roads, and needs to be addressed.

110 year anniversary of school is an opportunity to bring the community together in reflecting on and honouring our heritage.

Subiaco Oval redevelopment is a huge opportunity and will certainly bring about changes in the shape of our community. How much influence we can have on it is yet to be seen.

2. Election of office-bearers

Antonella, Kylie and Rod have resigned from committee. Jeff Dawkins and Shani have offered to step down if there are enough to make a committee. Charlie Lenzo, Gordon Taylor, Anne Lake, Roger Hughes and George Crisp have offered to join.

There was discussion on whether we ought to have a fixed term for presidency, but we decided to leave it to the democratic process. There is no fixed quota for Committee numbers, either.

Adam Roxby was nominated for President, as he has been Vice President for two years.

Thanks were reinforced by acclamation to Shani for her hard work in getting the WLRA set up.

Peg Davies was nominated for Vice President.

Sue Taylor was nominated as treasurer and minute secretary.

Kim Maddren was nominated as secretary.

The remaining committee members are Charlie Lenzo, Michael Green, Gordon Taylor, Anne Lake, Roger Hughes, George Crisp, Tim Silbert and John Townsend

The new committee members were invited to share their passions for WLRA: Roger shared his passion for dealing with the Ruislip street traffic problem, and development issues. Charlie is keen to be involved with community building. He has noticed the impact of Coles on the community, and offered to help with liaison with the new manager, Terry. Gordon has been a resident for 24 years, and is interested in putting back into the suburb, particularly in the areas of traffic and parking. He has an interest in the Subiaco Oval development. George is passionate about environmental issues. Anne has been involved with local government for many years, and has great experience in dealing with them.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Adam, Seconded: John. The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Correspondence

Kim explained the way (mainly email) correspondence is dealt with, and Adam clarified that some responses may need to be sent via the President, and other minor issues can be dealt with by the committee member directly.

- a. An email regarding a lost chicken was circulated - the chicken was returned to it's owner. This is a golden media opportunity. Kim agreed to write to the local papers with a Feel Good Story.
- b. An email regarding the pedestrian traffic lights at Lake Monger/Southport intersection was discussed. Traffic gave a platitudinous reply. Adam will forward the Main Roads Department response to the Police to ask for monitoring of the situation.

5. Reports

- a. Speed cameras - Tim is not present to speak to it. John commented on a noticeable increase in hand-held speed cameras.
- b. Traffic Management - this has broadened into the Workshop to allow empowerment of the local residents. The statistics we have gathered and the Traffic Report will inform the public consultative process. James Best (community consultant) has helped to draft a report to the Council, and has offered to assist our workshop process. The initial plan was very broad, so we have narrowed the focus to streetscaping, traffic, parks. Alan commented that we must ensure that our terms of reference are specific, and we must be mindful of the broader issues and pressures, such as SRA, DPI.
- c. Council meetings - WLRA was criticised for not attending a recent Council meeting. We do need to be seen to be involved, and Jeff Dawkins is going to make up a roster for attendance. Committee meetings are probably more useful to attend than Council Meetings. Council Surveys have been criticised for bias, and for poor selection criteria: the new PR and Community Officer will be looking at surveys and consultation, and hopefully will improve this situation. Chris Colyer has just employed a new engineer.
- d. Finance - report circulated. All of the financial transactions have been related to the Garden Project.
- e. Community garden - planting started in Sept 2007. The Town Of Cambridge budgeted \$17000 for a start-up grant which we have not yet spent entirely. The wider local and business community have donated generously. We now have 26 allotments

which are all taken. The WLPS year 4/5 boys have taken on an allotment enthusiastically. Community Arts network has given a \$1000 grant for an art project in conjunction with the CYC. This might be a focus for an official opening later this year. Some TAFE students have approval for a professional short documentary on the garden. We filmed for a Today Tonight report this afternoon.

- f. Best Block Award - John raised this idea as an extension of the Best-Kept Street award. Kim suggested we might be able to find a workforce to help garden for infirm residents. This idea might be extended to matching the lonely or infirm with needs with others who are keen to help. It was agreed that this idea was worth developing.
- g. Sustainability Forums and Hazardous Waste - Adam asked why City of Stirling residents can put all their waste in one bin, but we need to separate our recycling. They have their own mechanical separator, but it gets overwhelmed at times, and aslo they don't recycle compost-ables such as paper and cardboard. Tip of the week has been popular. Peg suggested we should involve Amy Rayner and Kristy Barr (TOC Communications officer: kbarr@cambridge.wa.gov.au). Alan suggested we should also keep the Mayor in the loop, as this is one of his passions. Adam will discuss ideas with George Crisp. On Tuesday night's Council Meeting a new treescape committee will be formed, which will run over a year or so.
- h. The liquor licence in the Coles may have been rescinded. Michael will ask around to find out what is happening.
- i. Mailing list and public profile - all correspondence should go via Adam. Please use WLRA letterheads.

6. Other matters

- a. Carbon neutral scheme - defer until George is present.
- b. Rod McManus was thanked for all his contributions.

Next meeting 20th August 2008 19:30, West Leederville Primary School