



west leederville residents association

Committee Meeting of West Leederville Residents Association

Held on July 25 2007 at West Leederville Primary School

Present: Shani Mulheron, Adam Roxby, Kim Maddren, Michael Green, Jeff Dawkins, Antonella de Gregoriis, Sue Taylor, Peg Davies, John Townsend, Fiona Hogg (proxy Tim Silbert). 11 residents as per register.

Apologies: Tim Silbert, Kylie Delic.

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting on May 30 2007 accepted as true and correct.

2. Election of secretary: John Townsend elected as minute secretary.

3. Correspondence:

i) Query from resident asking why Endowment Lands residents in Coast ward (ie: City Beach region) have significantly lower rate than Wembley ward. SM to pursue with Town of Cambridge and report back.

ii) Notice that 2007-08 community grants due by October 19 2007. WLRA will consider suitable projects. KM to examine website enhancement.

iii) ToC acknowledged KM's nomination as Volunteer of Year. WLRA nominated KM because of her lengthy good deeds with WLPS, playgroup, establishment of WLRA, etc..

iv) TOC chief executive Jason Buckley provided background and summary of proposed Cambridge Street traffic treatments to be presented at Special Electors' Meeting on July 26 2007.

4. Current issues:

a. Speed camera - traffic monitoring.

KM reported (by email) installation of 12 traffic counters (black strips on the roads) on Monday. They will remain for a minimum of 7 to 10 days. They are located in Blencowe St, Kimberley St, St Leonards (2), Railway Pde, Woolwich (3) Northwood, McCourt (3) Joseph. FH reported that counters would be used to establish baseline figures for contrast when Cambridge Street works have been established. Last traffic count was in 2002 and now out of date.

Hand-held police radar used on Railway Parade in early July with several dozen drivers pulled over for speeding.

b. Cowden Park

JD attended ToC meeting when Cowden Park improvements were approved. Attempt to modify improvements by moving barbecue was rejected.

c. Holyrood Park

ST reported ToC had sought response to survey on HP. Some confusion because several answers were completed on survey. KM urged all residents to complete survey to provide strong message to ToC to improve HP as gateway to West Leederville. KM questioned value of metal sculptures at HP. What happening to croquet club facilities. "They need to fluff it up!" SM praised ToC for willingness to address and improve Cowden and Holyrood parks. KM mentioned broken seesaw to ToC and fixed within 48 hours!

d. Reports on council meetings

n/a

e. Community garden update

PD reported retaining wall and site works progressing well. First working bee due on Saturday August 4 2007. Donations include garden shed, bath and several unused ToC worm farms. Request to community for wool carpet, hoses, etc. Bore will operate at site for first 1-2 years. High iron content means large holding tank will be used for aeration and sediment capture. "We're not just about traffic!"

f. New residential parking restrictions

Suesanne Sawyer reported increasing pressure on staff parking at WLPS. WLPS received (verbal) permission to use vacant ToC block at Woolwich St/McRostie Lane for staff overflow parking. One week later, bollards installed and block chained off to prevent any parking. WLPS told "due to anti-social activity during footy parking". WLRA (MG) to provide letter of support to ToC urging them to make block available for WLPS staff parking 8am-4pm Mon-Fri.

g. Mailing list

KM reported 600 residents on electronic mailing list. Committee to make effort to increase list. Committee members to each seek 20 new email addresses by end of September.

6. Other matters

i) SM endorses ST idea to take stronger stance on improving cycle amenity in WL, particularly dedicated cycleway in Ruislip Street. SM presented news report from Boston showing residents taking guerrilla action (with pink paint) to reclaim road lanes for cyclists. WLRA could take similar action - perhaps in Bike Week.

ST reported Perth Bicycle Network currently being reviewed. ST urged vision for Cambridge Street with one lane for cars and one as dedicated bus-cycle lane. Works well in Melbourne. City of Stirling has successful dedicated cycle lanes on busy streets. Lengthy discussion on unpopular Ruislip Street chicanes.

ii) KM reported WLRA committee would put vision of WL village to councillors on August 15 2007. All councillors and CEO Jason Buckley invited to attend informal gathering at WLPS. PowerPoint presentation would be used to underline vision for improved amenity and village concept. FH "Let's talk about the community first rather than traffic." Cr David Berry has received \$10,000 ToC grant to examine village concept.

iii) SM reported that Special Electors Meeting would be held July 26 2007. 200 residents expected to attend. SM outlined meeting procedure. If motion passed, ToC would revisit plan to apply treatments in Cambridge Street though no onus to change them. If motion lost, status quo continues.

7. Meeting closed: 9.40pm

8. Next meeting: 7.30 pm on Wednesday September 26 2007 at West Leederville Primary School.