

MINUTES OF HCA MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2009

1. PRESENT: James Walker, Laura Turnbull, Max Huntington, Lorraine Marriott, Waltraud Pix, Harriet Spring.

18 visitors attended this meeting and several joined the HCA

2 APOLOGIES: Dorothy Mackenzie, Bruce Smith

3.MINUTES of previous meeting were accepted.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT NOT AVAILABLE

5. BUSINESS ARISING

1. Name tags will be available at \$5.00 each.
2. Essay Competition –President reported some success.
 - Open to all school-aged children
 - Topic: One of the people their street is named for
 - Closes 15th August
 - Had received notice of interest from several schools already
 - Formal invitations will soon be sent out by our Secretary.
 - Prizes, probably in the form of Book Vouchers./Mind Games
 - NCCC to be approached for support
 - Prizes & Results 15th September 2009
 - Publicity-as widely as possible-
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Moved :Harriot Spring Seconded: Lorraine Mason.

This was unanimously agreed upon

6. MAY CELEBRATION will be discussed next month

7 TRAFFIC IN HACKETT

James put the meeting in the picture as to what had happened so far.. It had been under discussion for a number of years now and we have recently received two Proposals from ACTPLA to deal with the problem

These were tabled.

Those present then asked leave to make comments.

1. JOHN KRIM asked “Did the community really have input to the problems involved? As a shop-owner he said that they would be opposing any restrictions to traffic access to Hackett Shops.. Roads & transport cannot restrict access in the way outlined in Options 1 & 2. It will cost the shops dearly and they are prepared to put money into opposing these.

(It was explained that in an emergency these restrictions would not apply)

2. Steve ,who lives in Kaleen said that they has a traffic problem there.

He had not heard about a problem in Hackett until now.He has lost a potential tenant for his shop because of the proposed changes to traffic flow.

He feels that there has not been a lot a thought put into this issue. Shop-owners have been put at a total disadvantage by these proposals. Could we not seek other

options e.g. Traffic- Calming measures or having more crossings for children or the aged.?

James outlined some of the HCA Committees' earlier suggestions re traffic control- e.g. Lights had been suggested but the cost was said to be prohibitive for the near future.

3 A comment was made that Hackett had been designed to stop through traffic but this is not working.

4. Workers at IGA need access to the shops so do trucks making deliveries

5 Amanda went to both meetings on Traffic Issues as a result of seeing adverts in "Neighbourhood Watch" She commented that 7-9a.m. restrictions have worked at Ainslie. She felt that we should trial these options. She did see the problem with delivery trucks.

6. Chris was looking at buying a house in Hackett. He thought that a by-pass was needed for Gunghalin traffic.

7. Waltraud said that we should also be aware that it is the quality of life in Hackett that was being threatened. The residents here have valued the "Peace & Quiet" of this suburb. We should be asking how we can protect this. She felt that concern was justified to protect this.

8. Gissa, who lives in Hackett, we are getting the "brush-off" from Roads & Traffic on this. Canberra should have an integrated Traffic Plan. We need to have a two way approach to this issue. Residents need to protect their homes. Calming measures and even Traffic Lights should be considered. We should be pushing for Community Safety.

9 Pat brought e-mails from several people he had contacted about this issue (see attached) He felt that this issue would be affecting House Prices soon if we ignored this. He asked when we need to respond to these proposals. James replied that we would be preparing a response in the near future. We are still looking at Traffic Response input.

10 We should be pressing for a decision on this issue. This problem CAN be solved. Lorraine asked if there was a similar problem with traffic in the afternoons?

11. Eric Glasnicks said that lights should be placed at the top of Mt. Majura Road where it meets Phillip Avenue. Why not place a set of lights there?

12. James explained that there were three options :-

1) Roundabout 2) Lights 3) Proposals under discussion

James said there are 1430 houses in this suburb. Traffic calming measures need to be considered as a priority. We need to be writing to our MLA's & M.P's. He urged everyone to seek publicity on this issue. Elizabeth said that our concerns need to be further publicized. Surrounding schools should be canvassed and drawn into this concern. All measures need to go before the Assembly. Harriet suggested that we go for a concerted PUSH for lights. We will put suggested proformats on our website for the use of residents; advertisements in Neighbourhood Watch; approach NCCCC for their support. Last year they did agree to this approach.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm