

Hackett Community Association
Meeting at ACT Sports House, Hackett
Tuesday 17 May 2011

Present: James Walker, Terry de Luca, Greg Haughey, Waltraud Pix, Laura Turnbull; Freddie Turnbull; Marian Williams, Bruce Smith,

Apologies: Len Crossfield, Barbara Inglis, Lorraine Mason, Max Huntington, Dorothy Mackenzie

Minutes accepted, with change agreed that names of members who attended would be added

Treasurers report: Terry reported that we have \$1538.19 in the account at this stage

Meeting with ACT Green Party members: Greg reported that he and Len will be meeting with the ACT Green members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss environmental issues, general transport and traffic issues, and the status of Monash Drive in particular. There was a general discussion about other issues which should be raised at the meeting, including:

- The proposed \$3.3m Centenary Track, walking track through Canberra Nature Parks – shared trail for walkers, bikes and horse riding. This could result in:
 - horses coming into areas they are currently banned.
 - extra bike trail and walking trail side-by-side – additional environmental damage.
 - The alignment of route for bike riding goes through areas which has been rehabilitated

There has been no consultation with parkcare, or with any conservation group. It was just pushed it through. ACT Government representatives have acknowledged that this is contentious. They are now saying they are doing consultation now, but should have been much earlier. Apart from the environmental impact, there is the future maintenance costs that will be taken from budgets currently spent on nature reserves.

There is an urgent need for consultation. If the Centenary Track goes ahead in current form, Waltraud will resign as Parkcare co-ordinator and will run a campaign against the Track.

- Broader traffic issues, including the Majura Parkway alignment
- Shopping centre issues - not a major focus of the meeting, but a reminder that we are interested

Hackett shops: A general discussion about how things are going. Dr and Divo has opened, and signs are good for other shops opening soon.

Traffic: There has been no response from Roads ACT about the consultations on the traffic lights at the corner of Majura/Phillip, but survey teams appear to have been active.

Hackett Birthday celebrations: James asked people to think about possible events for the Hackett 50th birthday party. One possibility would be a 1960s fashion parade, another would be kids in uniforms.

Constitution: James asked people to have a look at the Constitution and decide whether we need a change to it to have honorary life members. His view is that it is probably not necessary, but would like people to see if they have a different view

Administration: Terry reported that he has spoken to the Auditor, who has suggested that we put both returns in at the end of the financial year. The meeting agreed to this approach.

It was also agreed that the Secretary would send the Public Officer the latest membership list, and that the membership list should be stuck into the membership book.

James noted that he will not be able to run for the position of Chair again later this year and requested that people give some thought to who would like to stand for the position.

Other business

- Greg has looked at notice boards for the shops – seen them at Office Works for \$130 – could laminate (NCCC as option for funding)
- Greg suggested that it would be useful to circulate the Hackett Central Area Guidelines
- Marion reported that local footpaths near the shops have not been fixed despite being reported more than a year ago.
- Toilets were announced for the Hackett shops in ACT Budget.

Meeting closed 8.45pm