

**Hackett Community Association
Committee meeting
14 June 2016**

Present – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Lorraine Mason, Len Crossfield, Chris Mobbs, John Carty, Kay Murphy, Terry de Luca and Bruce Smith

Apologies: Marion Williams

Minutes: The minutes for 10 March were accepted with the removal of the reference to the sausages at the BBQ.

Treasurer's report. Terry reported that the funds of the HCA have increased by 3 cents to \$3244.36

NCCC funding: Bruce reported that NCCC has put forward a funding proposal to the ACT Government which includes up to \$1000 for community associations. Greg raised the issue of signs for events and agreed to clarify their cost.

NCCC Constitution: James said that he had received a letter from the NCCC about possible changes to its constitution, including the proposal to have residents associations be formally recognized as part of the NCCC. Points raised in discussion included:

- the reference should be to community associations rather than residents associations
- there should be leeway for people who are not members of an association to join

Hackett oval: Chris sent a letter to the Minister and has received an acknowledgement. We should get a reply soon. The letter raises a number of issues and Chris looks forward to having a discussion. Chris also noted that someone has knocked down the sign near the oval - we don't know who.

Hackett Parks: Chris reported that, in regard to the Bragg St/Brennan St Park, he dropped a flyer in the relevant streets and then had a meeting in the park on the long weekend. About a dozen people offer to work with him on the park. Issues/ideas raised included:

- Shrubs under trees
- Community garden – it would need water
- BBQ - need electricity
- Log walls
- Rock gardens
- Bocce area
- Tables and chairs
- Music in the park
- Naming - aboriginal names or gumtree park

Chris said that he will collect ideas and then feed back into community. He will also look at getting grants - recreational or environmental.

There was then a discussion about whether the Bragg St Park was the best place to begin or whether the focus should be on the park on the main green space near the shops. The argument for the latter was that it is more central, more accessible, and likely to be used by more young people. The argument for Bragg St is that we can start with something more limited and get runs on the board – demonstrate success.

Environment near shops: It was agreed that Bruce would write a thank-you note to the Minister for the footpath near the shops, and also add a mention that we hope the toilets are constructed soon.

Concerns by residents of Madigan Gardens about the nature strip in Hackett Place were also discussed. It was noted that we should also be looking at plants on the median strip in Madigan Street. Terry said that he will write to Fix my street.

Annual General Meeting: We now have the room booked and it is advertised at the shops. John offered to talk about the Maths Trust.

There was a discussion about positions on the Committee and how to involve more people in the work of the Committee. Points included:

- we could try to get more young people involved - Woden Community Council has a youth council
- local schools might be interested in getting involved.
- someone to represent the shops?

Party at the Shops (October 29): Greg led a discussion about planning for the party, including:

- Blue Gum school has said that it will be involved
- Planning for a Jumping castle, face painting, man with slot cars, pantomime, schools - music/gymnastics
- Further possibilities were belly dancers, Irish dancers and Folk dancers.
- John will approach Campbell High, Greg other schools and Terry the Irish dancers.

Planning for Contact Day: James reported that he had given Greg the final copy of the report on the last Contact Day for circulation to the Committee. He said that we need to start broadcasting the word. We should let the RSPCA know about it – they could combine with the animal rescue people. Politicians are always good to attend. Greg will email notes to the Liberal Party in Deakin. James will drop copies to other parties. We should email people who we have contacted in the past. We should make more use of the A frames - maybe one of the shops would be willing to put our A frame out each day.

We should also start thinking about what slots we want – we need to have 3 committee members to help set up for the 9.00am slots.