

**Hackett Community Association  
Special General Meeting  
8 March 2016**

**Present** – James Walker, Greg Haughey, Marion Williams, Lorraine Mason, Chris Mobbs, John Carty, Kay Murphy and Bruce Smith

Apologies: Terry de Luca

The Special General Meeting was convened to discuss the following motion:

*“That the Constitution of the Hackett Community Association (**the Association**) in the form presented to the General Meeting be adopted as the Constitution of the Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Association's existing Constitution.”*

James opened the meeting and explained that the Office of Regulatory Services has confirmed that the Constitution of the HCA, as it is recorded by the ORS, consists only of the Model Rules. We therefore need to approve the Constitution, as it has been understood within the Association, at a General Meeting. James also confirmed that we have a quorum because we are working under the Model Rules.

There was a discussion about whether we should take this opportunity to change quorum requirements in the Constitution, but most felt that 20 was a reasonable number - we should be able to get those numbers and it gives us credibility.

Greg explained that the Constitution has been amended in relation to office bearers – it now has the Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Public Officer and up to 7 other members.

Greg moved the motion, and it was seconded by Kay. It was unanimously passed.

**Hackett Community Association  
Committee meeting  
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Minutes: The minutes for the meetings held on 11 August 2015 and 10 November 2015 were accepted.

Two amendments were proposed for the 9 February minutes:

- Len Crossfield attended
- the reference to street trees being 50 years old should be changed to be “trees adjacent to the Hackett Oval are 50 years old”

Both amendments were agreed and the minutes for that meeting were accepted.

Planning for Contact day: James reported that it is looking like there will be a number of participants at the Contact Day to be held on 30 April. He reported that:

- the new ACT Department responsible for transport will attend, as well as the consortium who won the contract for the light rail
- Youth for Understanding and the Scouts may attend
- the ALP will attend; not yet clear about Liberals.
- no response yet from the SES; Friends of Mt Majura; Greens

It was confirmed that it will be held from 9am to 1pm and that there will be a sausage sizzle.

The roster was discussed: Greg and Bruce from 9-10; Marian and Lorraine from 10-11; Lyn and Kay from 11-12; Chris and Len from 12-1. Terry and John will do the BBQ.

Trees in parks: Chris reported that, while the working group is not yet established, he has looked at the Hackett Neighbourhood Plan. It provides the framework for something broader, and is scheduled to be updated in 2018. Chris will ask the question: when is the government going to start the process for 2018? He will approach the Department and find out what is the timeframe. He will also put together a poster for the contact day.

There was a general discussion about the issue and points made included:

- Kay said that she had a call from Labor candidate who lives in suburb – we should engage the candidate on this issue.
- Greg noted that parks and trees are on the agenda for the Government, so we should use this to get some attention to what is happening in Hackett.
- Len said that we need to be clear about objectives and use the planning documentation.

There was also a discussion on naming parks. Points included:

- some people thought parks could be named after people who had made a contribution to Hackett, while others noted that there are quite strict naming conventions in Canberra, and that it is more likely that the parks will be named after scientists
- regardless, consideration should be given to naming parks after women – most streets in Hackett are named after men
- the signs should say something about the person - not just a name

It was agreed that Chris would put something in Neighbourhood Watch on this issue, and that a link to Fix my Street should be put on the website

## Other business

- Caroline from the Orchid and Vine has raised the idea of the movie night. Would need to in summer.
- Neighbour Day is on 27 March. Its objective is to build better relationships – a note could be put on the website
- Tucker box will turn 5. There will be a celebration on 9 April.
- Bruce noted that the North Canberra Community Council has money to support community events – this could be used to support the Tuckerbox event, but also for activities related to the Hackett party and/or the movies at the shops.
- We should discuss a date for the Hackett party at the next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.55pm