



NWMA General Meeting

20 May 2008

7:30 PM

Meeting Room 1

North Melbourne Library

66 Errol St North Melbourne

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1) Welcome & apologies

Present: Bill Cook, Alan Ashley, Alba Gatto, Lorraine Siska, Patricia Patterson, Ray Cowling, Denys Harraway, Madeleine Scully, Nan Nankervis, Margaret Fried, Kevin Chamberlin, Patricia Patterson, Gabrielle Stannus, Rob Oke, Marian and Alan Fenwick, Sally and Terry Speed, George Tyler, Mary Kehoe, Max Costello, Julianne Bell, Margaret Fried, Janet Graham

Apologies: Michael Horscroft

2) Eddington report

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Department of Infrastructure.

Tony Canavan gave a presentation on the context and key elements of the Eddington Report and responded to questions raised by those present. Issues raised included:

- the need to invest in reducing vehicle emissions as well as other transport options
- whether the public transport options can be made so effective as to negate the requirements for additional road infrastructure, particularly with rising petrol prices
- concerns about the noise, vibration and destruction of wetlands and parkland required to support the proposed excavation sites for periods up to five years
- concerns about the cantilever arrangement where the proposed road joins with CityLink
- concerns that the road component will dominate what is currently proposed as an integrated solution, at the expense of public transport and cyclists
- whether there might be potential to improve services by increasing the number of trains carried on the current network, or whether its design precludes any major improvement this way
- likely location of vent stacks
- possible rail connections between North Melbourne and suburbs like Fitzroy
- the commitment to having no run-offs between Hoddle Street and Flemington
- the potential impact of climate change imperatives
- next steps

3) Minutes and correspondence

Matters arising:

a) Toilets

Council's toilet plan now includes North Melbourne – congratulations to all who have contributed to this result.

b) Council Community Grants Program

Sustainability Street is applying for funding for a program to help renters and others make homes more sustainable.

NWMA application is being prepared by ray Cowling and Madeleine Scully, who hope to get a draft to the Committee meeting of Wednesday 27 May.

Actions:

- *Members to email suggestions re Community grant for NWMA to R Cowling*
- *M Scully and R Cowling to complete submission*

c) CORBA developments

Seeking to have Council restructured and reformed, including changes to the voting system and a review of Council. Pursuing use of the Peter Andren system rather than above the line voting, attendance rather than postal voting and amendments to the current inclusion on electoral roll of owners of car spaces. There have been positive interactions with Federal politicians, who have recommendation that CORBA make a submission to the relevant Federal Parliamentary Committee. Government could also consider extending Council's caretaker mode to enable amendments to be made prior to election

Action: Still seeking volunteers to write letters and seek media attention – contact Bill Cook

4) Committee Report

The Committee meets each Wednesday morning.

- a) Committee is pursuing a partnership with Sustainability Street, formalised with a Memorandum of Understanding. Once a draft is prepared the matter will be put to a vote.

Action: Any interested members who can contribute to this work to contact Bill

- b) North and West Melbourne Precinct Association representatives will be invited to attend the June monthly meeting.

- c) Future meeting guests will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

5) Future Melbourne Forum

Is scheduled for Wednesday 21 May. Questions have been submitted from NWMA and other interested groups and individuals. Will also ask about:

- 13-15 Errol Street
- Proposed hotel for homeless in Elizabeth Street
- New residential zones – in particular, consultation with NWMA on its implementation by Council in determining zoning across City of Melbourne

Actions: Members to attend and contribute to discussion

6) Work Group Reports

a) Heritage

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b) Environment

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c) Business

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d) Social issues

Need to prioritise issues to be pursued over next twelve months.

e) Transport

Letter to Transport Minister is being prepared about additional stops for the new 401.

Moved Kevin Chamberlin and seconded Nan Nankervis and carried that the NWMA write to the organisation controlling the 401 bus and ask that they connect to an Errol Street stop.

Action: A Gatto to write to Minister for Transport re additional stops for 401 bus

Work has commenced on the superstops in Peel Street.

f) Planning

13-15 Errol Street

Planning permit has been refused.

La Trobe Close

Have called for expressions of interest, though not yet sought a planning permit or consulted further with community. Intention is for mix of social and private housing; open space component is unclear.

7) General Business

- Apartments at 39 Peel Street were auctioned, despite issues with certificates of occupancy.
- Members discussed a Village Roadshow proposal for theme park at Werribee Zoo. Moved Ray Cowling, seconded Madeleine Scully and passed that Ray Cowling write to all relevant authorities rejecting this option

Action: R Cowling to write to relevant authorities and provide copies to committee

8) Meeting close – 10.00pm