



NWMA General Meeting

17 June 2008

7:30 PM

Meeting Room 1

North Melbourne Library

66 Errol St North Melbourne

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Present: Bill Cook, Alan Ashley, Alba Gatto, Lorraine Siska, Denys Harraway, Margaret Fried, Kevin Chamberlin, Michael Horscroft, Maureen Peck, Ingrid Hardy, Liz English, Geoff Leach and Conrad Cunningham

Apologies: Patricia Patterson, Kevin Wong Hoy, Beth Bennett, Mary Kehoe, Madeleine Scully, Margaret Hall, Nan Nankervis and Winsome Roberts

Correspondence-

.Draft licensing premises policy – It was agreed to forward the policy to Doone Clifton and Tom Langenheim for their feedback and response.

.Planning Backlash – It was agreed to link to their website but to wait and see what their organization looks like.

Committee Report

.Sustainability Street - Bill is still working on the Memorandum of Understanding.

.Budget- A monetary contribution to Sustainability Street to assist in their workshops was discussed. It was agreed too, but dollar amount not discussed.

.Need for our planning project to identify future budget priorities.

.The Committee have been working on speakers for the next three general meetings of the NWMA:-

.July- Topic -Graffiti- speaker from the organization 'Graffiti Hurts'

.August- Topic -Update on the development of the North Melbourne Station- speakers from the Department of Transport/Infrastructure and the City of Melbourne

.September- Topic -Strategic Planning – 'where to from here'

.Committee members also attended the Peel Street tram stop consultation with Yarra trams

.Working Together for Melbourne Forum held 21.5.08. Response to Council? Discussion deferred to next month's meeting

.Website development - deferred

Key speaker: Conrad Cunningham

Secretary/Treasurer North & West Melbourne Precinct Association

Conrad spoke about the rejuvenation of the Precinct Association, and their success in obtaining

funding from the City of Melbourne. They are developing a brochure about North & West Melbourne and are proposing to distribute 15000 around Victoria. Current Precinct members total seventy traders and their charter for membership includes the Victoria Market. They are also developing a website.

Maureen Peck raised a question about the future planning of Errol Street. Maureen suggested that traffic could be removed from the section between Victoria and Queensberry Street. 'On Street' obstructions were also discussed. Conrad responded by suggesting the relocation of the tram stops and parking improvements.

The Precinct association have been instrumental in returning the Spring Fling to Errol Street and getting a broader involvement of the community in the management of the event.

Work Group Reports

.Planning-A general discussion about current planning issues

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.Environment – nothing to report

.603 Queensberry Street - no further update – we are still awaiting further briefing from Bronwyn Pike regarding the future of the site.

.Eddington Report

Kevin as our representative on the PPL spoke about the need to object about the tunnel proposal – promoting unsustainable vehicle use across the city and the destruction of public land at Royal Park and JJ Holland Park. Last day for written objections is the Monday 14th July 2008.

Kevin encouraged people to attend protest rallies at Holland Park 21.6.08 and the Melbourne Town Hall at 4.45pm 24th June 2008. Members to be advised by email.

.General Business

Kevin gave a brief report on CORBA (Council of Residents and Business Association) relating to the promotion of democratic practices in the COM. A delegation is to meet with the Minister of Local Government to pursue this objective.

Transport -401 Bus- Issue raised by Ingrid Hardy about the cost of the fare from North Melbourne station to Melbourne University. Bus does not accept the City Saver fare.

Action: Denys has agreed to follow up with DOI and advise.

Meeting closed at 10-15pm