



# North & West Melbourne Association Inc.

**Monthly General Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
7.30pm  
Meeting Room, first floor,  
North Melbourne Library,  
66 Errol Street**

Chairperson :Kevin Chamberlin  
Timekeeper: Michael Horscroft  
Treasurer: Bill Cook

## MINUTES

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

Kevin Chamberlin, Bill Cook, Michael Horscroft, Nan Nankervis, Mary Kelleher, Mary Kehoe, Lorraine Siska, Amelia Caddy, Janet Graham, Alba Gatto, Madeleine Scully, Ray Cowling

Apologies: Alan Ashley, Kevin Wong Hoy

- Accept apologies: Moved Bill Cook, Seconded Kevin Chamberlin, Carried unanimously

### **2. Confirmation of minutes**

7.40

- Meeting held 16th March 2010 (including 16th February 2010) Moved Bill, second Alba.
- Meeting held 16th December 2009 and meeting 21st October 2009 (deferred at February's meeting)

Moved Bill Cook, Seconded Alba Gatto, Carried unanimously

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting**

7.50

- 16th March 2010
- 21st October 2009
- 16th December 2009
- 16th February 2010

### **Future use of St Joseph's site**

The meeting agreed Kevin Chamberlin will follow up with Roger Nairn and pursue this matter further with the Christian Brothers as owners of the site and the State and Federal members as possible funding bodies for a potential educational centre for disengaged youth.

Moved Alba Gatto, seconded Mary Kelleher, Carried

### **4. Correspondence**

8.00

- Letter from City of Melbourne regarding Council decisions about Providores operation at 39 Lothian Street
- Letter from Best Hooper regarding 39 Lothian Street – no longer acting for Providores Australia Pty Ltd
- Notice from VCAT regarding adjournment of 25<sup>th</sup> March hearing regarding 39 Lothian Street
- Notice from VCAT of Practice Day Hearing on 9<sup>th</sup> April regarding 39 Lothian Street
- Letter from Planning and Property Partners lawyers regarding 79-89 Leveson Street-Application for review to VCAT
- Notice from VCAT regarding 302-308 Arden Street hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am
- Letter from Ratio consultants regarding 171-173 Melrose Street-Application for review to VCAT

Meeting noted the correspondence - Moved Bill Cook, seconded Nan Nankervis, Carried

### **5. Committee Report**

8.10

- Public officer for the Association

Meeting agreed Kevin Chamberlin and Bill Cook will identify a suitable public officer.

Moved Mary Kelleher, seconded Mary Kehoe, Carried

- Outcome from AGM

The Chair congratulated all those involved on a successful AGM held at the City of Melbourne Bowls Club on 17 April 2010, with a very engaging speaker, an excellent venue and enjoyable refreshments.

Meeting agreed to record the gratitude of NWMA to all those who contributed: Madeleine Scully, George Tyler and the Miami Hotel, Jenny Cook, Janet Graham, Alba Gatto, Jenny Newman, Lorraine Siska, Nan, Nankervis, Michael Buxton, Kevin Chamberlin

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- Moved Bill Cook, seconded Michael Horscroft, carried

The meeting agreed on the following workgroups:

- Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS)
- Democracy and Council Reform
- Social
- Environment
- Business

Given the MSS, Planning, Social Issues and Transport will be dealt with as part of general business

Meeting agreed that the executive will move to fill these work groups and approach people to take on the role of convenor.

Moved Mark Kehoe, seconded Mary Kelleher, Carried

- Nominations to Committee

Meeting agreed that Madeleine Scully will be co-opted to the Committee.

Moved Bill Cook, seconded Mary Kehoe, Carried

- NM Football Club meeting

At a recent meeting there was a suggestion from the North Melbourne Football Club that on-site parking might replace the former social club and other buildings. This met strong opposition from residents, who referenced earlier commitments there would be no parking on site, and it was agreed that Alba Gatto will contact Councillor Shanahan and seek a meeting of the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve Landscape Planning Advisory Committee.

The meeting agreed that Bill Cook will send an email to Councillor Shanahan, the North Melbourne Football Club and Rob Adams at the City of Melbourne:

- The NWMA reaffirms its commitment to the longstanding Council policy of no parking in parklands, which includes the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve in Arden Street
- This position was reaffirmed at meetings of the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve Landscape Planning Advisory Committee on a number of occasions
- The NWMA would be prepared to work with the Council and other interested parties in dealing with the parking issue in the surrounding streets, particularly Arden Street

Moved Ray Cowling, Seconded Lorraine Siska, Carried

Ray Cowling will also check status with engineers at Council.

## **6. Reports**

8.25

- Planning

La Trobe Close redevelopment-update – see above

- New Tram superstops-Abbotsford Street - TP 2010-201 (Stop 17-intersections with Canning and Molesworth)

The local meeting is recommending that no super stop be constructed between Haines Street and Flemington Road. Stops 17 and 18 are quite dangerous for the disabled and the elderly. The fact that suitable trams are not being used is a problem. The report be noted

Moved Michael

Seconded Lorraine Siska

Carried

- VCAT hearing 19th and 20th April for -87-101 Roden St
- A brief report was presented by Bill

That the report be noted

Moved Bill

Seconded Michael

Carried

- Business No report to be presented
- Social Events- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Presentation dinner- Angela Williams

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- Environment
- Transport See below
- CoRBA See below

## 7. WestLink

Overwhelming majority of users will be car and not trucks as the spin would suggest to us. It is intended as a by-pass from the West gate bridge. It is Stage one of the Eddington tunnel.

That the report be noted

Moved Kevin

Seconded by Michael

8.40

Carried

## 8. Municipal Strategic Statement

9.00

Members of the Planning Department reported to CoRBA at its last meeting attended by Kevin and Bill. Kevin and Bill argued that the strategic planning process was flawed, and certainly had not involved residents early in the process as had occurred in the past.

That Executive be empowered to consult with the Kensington Association and other interested groups on the feasibility of seeking Council funds for the preparation of a submission on our response to the MSS and how it will affect our local area.

Moved Michael

Seconded Mary Kelleher

Carried

## 9. New Business

Regional Rail link project and its affect on West Melbourne.

Department of Transport has notified residents in Railway Place, West Melbourne, that they wish to monitor sound levels caused by development and operation of the Tarneit line project.

Clarification needs to be obtained as to which level the line is to be constructed on- grade or above or below grade?

Residents must do a reading. It was agreed that we should obtain a copy of the readings and the findings

The meeting agreed that the front room of houses should be the best location for the tests to be taken.

## 10. Meeting close

9.30