



North & West Melbourne Association Inc.

**Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 15th June 2010
at 7.30**

**Meeting Room, first floor,
North Melbourne Library,
66 Errol Street**

Meeting Chairperson: Kevin Chamberlin

MINUTES

Attendance

Nancy Nankervis, Ray Cowling, Cr Cathy Oke, Mary Kelleher, Stephen Farrugia, Heather Harper, Graham Harper, Janet Graham, Virginia Nairn, Elizabeth English, Barbara Guilfoyle, Alba Gatto, Geoff Leach, Denys Harroway Bill Cook, Kevin Chamberlin, Oliver Pohls (COM), Ian Shears (COM), Tania Mainead, (COM), Meg Caltin (COM)

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies

Alan Ashley, Roger Nairn, Jo Griffiths. Michael Horscroft, Mary Kehoe. Madeleine Scully, Julianne Bell,

2. Confirmation of minutes

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 May 2010 be accepted.

Moved Graham Harper

Seconded Nancy Nankervis

Carried

That the minutes of the Special general meeting held on the 18th May 2010 be noted

Moved Elizabeth English

Seconded Janet Graham

Carried

Guest Speaker Oliver Pohls, Senior Tree Planner from City of Melbourne

re greening of the municipality and North and West Melbourne . Not much was said about Arden Street. Oliver presented an insightful talk about the state of trees in Melbourne. Some species such as the poplars do not handle the drought well and are not encouraged by the Council. Others such as the elms are mature trees of such a consistent age that many will need to be replaced at one time. This has a major effect on the appearance on boulevards and parks. His talk covered the implications of climate change and the urban forest strategy and the management operations for the trees, their replacement and planning.. He was supported by three other staff and Cr Oke.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting (Not covered elsewhere in the agenda)

4. Correspondence (Not covered elsewhere)

National Storage, notification of a rate rise

East Melbourne News Winter edition

Carlton Residents Association Newsflash Autumn 2010

State Library of Victoria Request for our Annual Report 2008-2009

5. Committee Report

- 'Public officer for the Association' Preferred nominee still overseas.
- Meeting dates for rest of 2010 – third Tuesday of the month apart from December which is the second. List circulated with meeting papers or see website.
- COM Grants - Bill outlined the opportunities for grants. There appeared to be resistance to ongoing funding as compared to defining a specific project. Preferences were to continue as we have been doing or to see whether we can use the funds to develop a submission in relation to the MSS.
- Website refer Carlton Newsletter – It was agreed we should raise the sharing of material such as was included in the Carlton Newsflash at CoRBA.

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The meeting also endorsed that Bill and Stephen relocate the website to the Tau Ceti Cooperative and make the appropriate changes.

Moved Geoff Leach

Seconded Elizabeth English

Carried

- Budget for 2010 – The Committee noted that the year is now half gone and we need to ensure that are our plans are actioned.
- Constitutional directions - There was some discussion about the interpretation of the constitution. It was emphasised that we need to read it for the next meeting in order to ensure that all participants in the debate are fully informed.
- Meeting plans future speakers from political parties – It was noted that election at both State and Federal levels are likely to held before the end of this year. We do need to plan how we want to proceed to talk to candidates. It also needs to be noted that CoRBA will be undertaking some activity in this area.

6. Workgroup Reports

- Planning
 - Municipal Strategic Statement - Geoff spoke briefly about the Council submission to the Minister for Planning on the MSS. He noted particularly the major change development zone running along the Moonee Ponds Creek on both the Kensington and North Melbourne sides. He suggested that we will need to warn people in that area of the implications of this zoning. Also raised was the fact that the Council MSS has to be consistent with the State Strategic Plan. As this plan has not yet been released, it is difficult to know how we should respond to the Council proposal. The consultation phase is to begin on July 1. CoRBA is to meet with Minister Maddern in July where this issue will be raised.
 - La Trobe Close redevelopment-update – Steven presented an update indicating that no decision appeared to have been made. He emphasised the political aspects of the issue for both the State and federal members. A decision needs to be made by the end of June if the money is not to be lost.
 - New Tram superstops-Abbotsford Street - TP 2010-201 (Stop 17-intersections with Canning and Molesworth) It was reported that Cr Shanahan had been quoted as saying that the stop was not to proceed. Defer.
 - 46 Villiers Street. An objection should be submitted.
 - St Joseph's CBC – Further inquiries are not producing any clarification about a decision on the future of the site when the school closes at the end of the year. We need to remain vigilant
 - Youth Hostel in Chapman Street – Another site that we need to watch. The site is for sale.
 - The Association has joined a number of residents in the area affected by the Council decision to create a green space (roundabout)at the intersection of Errol, Harcourt, Streets in taking the Council to VCAT over their decision. The locals believe that whole project is flawed in relation to traffic, buses, utilisable open space and heritage.
- Business - Deferred
- Social Events- Next Event a possibility around Bastille Day. Still being explored.
- Environment -
- Transport
 - Westlink - Noted
- CoRBA Meeting with Lindsay Tanner
Mr Tanner has been generally supportive of CoRBA on our position on Council reform. Our understanding is that polling is indicating that his hold in the seat of Melbourne is not strong. He undertook to take up the matter of a review of the Council with Richard Wynne and write formally to him on the matter. For a report on the meeting visit the nwma website.

7. General Business

Bill reported that he had been contacted by East Melbourne Police regarding a blitz that they are holding between 29 June and 10 July 2010 targeting excessive noise from hoon behaviour across the Melbourne municipality. The contact is Senior Constable Arthur Macridis And he can be reached at 96371100. They encourage reports of hoon behaviour that they can follow up.

8. Time and date of next meeting/Meeting close

20 July 2010 at 7.30