



NWMA General Meeting

21st September 2010

7:30 PM

Meeting Room 1

North Melbourne Library

66 Errol Street

North Melbourne

Chairperson: Kevin Chamberlin

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Bill Cook, Alba Gatto, Kevin Chamberlin, Janet Graham, Roger Nairn, Michael Horscroft, Ray Cowling, Gabriella Stannus, Celeste Nicholson, Stephen Farrugia, Jan Lacey, Verena Augusti, Heather Harper, Graeme Harper, Asha Rao, Claire Quinn, John Million, Lesley Million, James Million, Geoff Leach.

Apologies: Alan Ashley, Valerie Gerrand, Denys Harroway, Rob Oke, Mary Kehoe, Mary Kelleher, Madeleine Scully, Lorraine Siska, Nancy Nankervis

Guest Speaker - Kate Greer, Acting Manager, Climate Communities Victoria, (Victorian Government Department)

Kate discussed the support available to local communities to tackle climate change in Victoria. CCV promotes local groups getting together to take action on improving sustainability. Since November 2009, they have consulted with 150 community groups to encourage community based action on climate change and to responding to community needs. Projects differed between relatively sophisticated communities and to ones who haven't started to develop their plans to respond to the issues of reducing green house gases.

In framing an application it was important to focus on new ideas and how they might relate to the local community. A good project plan was essential, and would not just focus on capital and research, but also on networks and partnerships. CCV has 8 facilitators (3 metro Melbourne, 5 regional) to assist in project development. The budget for grants was \$6 million over 2 years. Projects of up to 50000 could be considered. Projects are to be funded over 12 month timeframes. They are geared to community groups and schools.

Applicants need to be incorporated and insured.

It was agreed that the Committee should consider the matter further, encourage inputs from any interested parties and report back to the next meeting.

2. Confirmation of minutes

- Meeting held 20 July 2010

Confirmed as a true record

Moved Bill Cook

Seconded Michael Horscroft

Carried

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

No matters were raised

4. Correspondence (Not covered elsewhere)

- VCAT – 46 Villiers St
- 130 -140 Errol Street Objection acknowledged
- Structure plans for City North and Arden/Macauley
- 171-173 Melrose St VCAT with revised plans.

5. Committee Report

- 'Public officer for the Association'
Margaret Fried was now appointed and all reporting and payment matters were now settled and in order.

6. Workgroup Reports

Planning

Municipal Strategic Statement (See the Associations submission on our website www.nwma.org.au)

The statement was based on a land use strategy. The Association submission was prepared by Geoff Leach and Bill Cook, after a meeting attended by Janet Graham as well.

6.2 Structure Plans (See the letter sent by the Associations on our website www.nwma.org.au regarding the West Melbourne Structure Plan) Consultations have been held in the last week on the City North and Arden Macauley Structure Plans which are in the stage of current development.

6.3 Amendment C122. The compounding issue of Amendment C122 was raised which appears to have profound influence on giving free range to developers for applications up to the maximum height specified in the respective DDOs, circumstances in which a planning permit no longer needs to be applied for. The matter is being pursued by Angela Williams.

6.4 LaTrobe Close redevelopment-update

The issue is about public housing. The State is using Federal Stimulus money to increase social housing provision on the site from 58 to 201 units and then sell the original units for a private development. This will have the effect of reducing provision for families. The group are working at both Federal and State level. Stephen Farrugia has received a letter from the State Government indicating that plans are going out to tender. Adam Bandt is addressing the issue in Canberra. Brian Walters Greens State candidate for Melbourne has also been involved.

6.5 46 Villiers Street –

Notice that the developer is taking Council to VCAT for failure to determine application within 60 days. We must respond immediately if we wish to be involved.

6.6 St Joseph's CBC – It is understood it is to be an educational facility for troubled youth.

6.7 Zagame- Corner King & Roden Sts New application – 259 units and one retail premises.

Planning issues The central boomerang is to be ten stories so much for DDO29 which specifies a maximum of 4 storeys (discretionary).

Because the application is for over 25000 m2 of development, it has been referred to the Minister to decide as the Responsible Authority and will be referred to the Central City Standing Advisory Committee for recommendation.

The West Melbourne Structure Plan which members of the Association put a lot of time into developing has been found not to have been incorporated into the planning scheme and is of critical importance in providing a rationale for the DDO height specification.

Bill Cook outlined details of the local meeting that had been called, the press coverage and meetings that had been organized. The application has been advertised on site and will not be decided before September 28.

6.8 69-71 Peel Street – four stories opposite the market – no car-parking - Notice of decision

Council has issued a notice of decision to grant a permit for this development. The very casual wording of the Conditions was noted.

Motion

That the Association pay the lodgement fee of \$307-00 for the VCAT appeal against NOD 69-71 Peel Street West Melbourne. The North & West Melbourne Association supports Ray Cowling in this matter.

Moved by Geoff Leach:

Seconded Heather Harper

Carried

- **Business Group**

Nothing to report - deferred

- **Social Events Group**

Another successful evening held at the Royal Mail Hotel on Spencer Street with approximately 28 people attending.

Motion

That a vote of thanks be passed onto Nancy Nankervis for organizing a very successful event at the Royal Mail Hotel.

Moved by Janet Graham

Seconded Ray Cowling

Carried

- **Environment**

Deferred

- **Transport**

- Westlink The impact of this tunnel on traffic into West Melbourne was again noted.
- Regional Rail – Janet Graham reported further communications re Railway Place but they seemed to have more to do with property purchases in Footscray

- **CoRBA** Meeting with Planning Minister Maddern

Kevin reported on the meeting with Minister Maddern and the CoRBA submission on the MSS

- **Elections** - State and Federal

7. General Business

7.1 Bill advised that the last meeting of the North Melbourne Recreation Reserve (Landscape Planning Advisory Committee meeting was held on 20/9/2010 He reported on four major issues.

1 The plan now contained the revised planting arrangement

2 the Development of a futsal court – synthetic small soccer space with a synthetic surface at the western end of the Reserve where the clubrooms have been demolished together with a granitic gravel exercise station area.

3 That the oval was smaller in area than the Docklands Stadium, the smallest of the current official AFL grounds and, according to the Football Club, needed to be expanded to allow for a full training facility. The Commonwealth has offered \$1.9m for the ground to be expanded in width, not length, and for the playing surface to be improved. The machinery access point into Macauley Road also needed to be broadened to allow access because of the installation of the median strip.

4 The location of the premiership membership list on Fogarty Street is likely to remain the same as it is too expensive to move them.

The role of the LPAC is now to be taken over by the Parks Committee.

7.2 **Motion**

That the meeting authorises a donation to the Protectors of Public Lands of \$100 for the VCAT matter relating to Honeywell Development Abbotsford.

Moved by Michael Horscroft

Seconded Janet Graham

Carried.

8. Time and date of next meeting/Meeting close
Tuesday 19th October 2010 at 7.30 pm at the North Melbourne Library

Please note that the Library is then likely to be out of action for a couple of months and we will need to arrange an alternative venue.