



North & West Melbourne Association Inc.

**Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday 15th March, 2011
at 7.30pm
Meeting Room, first floor,
North Melbourne Library,
66 Errol Street**

Meeting Chairperson: Kevin Chamberlin

MINUTES

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendance Book Michael Horscroft, Stephen Farrugia, Kevin Chamberlin, Denys Harroway, Michael Gregory, Gabrielle Stannus, Gary Heard, Jan Lacey, Roger Nairn, Mary Kellerher, Ray Cowling, Martin Mowbray, Janet Graham, Lorraine Siska, Alba Gatto, Bill Cook.

Apologies – Mary Kehoe, Valerie Gerrand, Asha Rao. Patricia Paterson, Graham and Heather Harper.

2. Confirmation of minutes

- Meeting held 15 February 2011 That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted, with one amendment
Moved Ray Cowling Seconded Martin Mowbray
Carried

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

Action on Kate Greer's presentation to the October meeting.

Gabrielle Stannus reported that last round of funding closes at the end of April. We need to develop our priorities.

Public lighting issue. Ray to write the letter to Council to address this issue. Lights are still being found on during the day.

Rev Gary Heard - talk about the Development of the Caltex Service Station site Formerly the Baptist Church.

The Church has owned the site since 1860s. In 1962 when the bluestone structure was demolished. it then decided to take a short term lease to the service station. In more recent times with the Church growing, they have been looking at other options including a multi storey residential development. All funding has to be raised by the Church. They are considering a range of options – to sell some or all, to subdivide, to rent out to lease to a management company. The Church is viewing the development as a community asset that should be serving community needs. The question that the Church is trying to answer is how can they turn this into reality. They are considering a range of heights and economic projections over developments ranging from 4 to 8 levels with arrange of accommodation provisions from social low income housing (affordable rather than crisis) , private housing and commercial activities. A Community engagement Plan will put parameters on the table and they will have an open forum to explore options. They will also consider a range of organisational options such as a Cooperative, the maximisation of environmental protections, a rooftop garden space, the incorporation of Curzon Street into green space, underground parking to substitute for lost on street parking . Thr Church has no wish to change the character of the area.

Comments from members emphasised the importance of trying to retain ownership of the development in the Church. Comparisons were made with La Trobe Close It was felt to be important to investigate both Federal and State funding sources. It was agreed that we should help by using our contact network to circulate details of their consultation process. It was agreed to keep the communication between our organisations active.

4. Correspondence (Not covered elsewhere but to be circulated)

Kelvin Thomson, Melbourne's population: 5 million is too many. Victorian National Parks Association, Ponderings.

CRA Newsflash

Best Hooper re 46 Villiers Street

Adrian Salmon re 420 Spencer Street, West Melbourne

City of Melbourne, Refusal to Grant a Permit, 130-140 Errol Street, North Melbourne

5. Committee Report

o North and West Melbourne News

o Gabby Stannus offer and Michael Burville, Facebook/Twitter consultant at the Centre working for Centre for six months. Liaising with NML&L and on funding issues as well as the News. Newspaper now on-line.

6. Workgroup Reports

Planning

1. Municipal Strategic Statement (See submission on the website) Nothing further to report except that further changes are likely resulting from Councillor committee.
2. La Trobe Close redevelopment-update
The Group is trying to see the Minister for Housing. Rose Iser ascertained that only phase 1 is funded . No contracts are signed for Stage 2. Stage 3 is sell off to fund Stages 1 and 2.
3. 46 Villiers Street Still too high at 6 storeys. New app for 9 storeys on the corner of Flemington Road and Villiers Street- 98 units and retail floor space. 57 out 258 car parks. We should continue to soldier on on 46 even though it is not part of VC71. The Executive to lodge an objection
4. St Joseph's CBC – heard no more



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5. Zagame- King Roden & Stanley Sts – 259 units and one retail premises. Advice received from Rose Iser suggests it is still on the Minister's desk awaiting a decision.
6. 130-140 Errol St NOD to refuse. Michael to follow up with GL AW KWH re an appeal to VCAT We have 24 hours to register.
7. 141-149 Roden Street Appeal in VCAT today. Continue to go around in circles about the meaning of DDO29, 32 and 33. Bill not sure much has changes since 87-101 Roden Street
8. 420 Spencer Street. Council officers recommended to Council that height should be reduced from 106m to 40 to conform with DDO33. Council recommended a spot rezoning to allow 106m to proceed because the architecture was of such high quality!!!
9. 453 Dryburgh St and 26 Erskine St. We have no update from Geoff Leach.
- 11 92 Molesworth Street. Application consisting of 11 rooms for a rooming house covering most of the block and including caretaker room . Agreed to object on the grounds of

- Insufficient backyard space a problem use in a residential area.
- It has a building order and
- Insufficient social and recreation amenity

Moved Ray Cowling and Mary Kelleher, Carried

- Business
- **Social Events-** Next event. Next dinner in May Amiconi's or Marias Trattoria
- **Environment** - Eades Place The position of the residents opposing the development appear to strong and united – to the surprise of the Council.
Errol, Courtney, Harcourt sts open space - Rumour is that it has lost at VCAT
- **Homeless Action Group**
The object of the group is to foster homeless service coordination, liaison and cooperation
They have developed 4 brochures for distribution to various groups.
- 6 forum workshops have been organised for groups. Two for the general community are on 13 April at Sutton St and 3 May at the North Melbourne Library at 7.30pm. For further information contact Lorraine Siska.
- **Transport**
 - Kevin attended a meeting regarding Westlink which was attended by the Ministers of Transport and Planning. He reported Westlink is on hold, Regional Rail \$800m short in what is required for completion.
 - Haymarket Roundabout. The meeting with Vicroads was attended by a number of members and others. Issues that arose were
 - Closure of Bedford Street to make the roundabout safer and to reduce rat-runs
 - closure of the inside carriageway in Elizabeth Street from Victoria St to the roundabout in order to make it less dangerous.
 - tramstop 7 at Queensberry and Elizabeth is proposed to be closed
 - a suggestion that Trams move forward to trigger tram activated traffic lights
 - The removal of carparking has generated more traffic
 - Exe write to Council and raise the debate on these matter. Ray Bill and Kevin prepare to prepare a response.
 - Connectivity Vic Market (Ray) Dealt with at the last meeting.
- **CoRBA**

The CoRBA campaign to reform the Melbourne City Council elections and structure has taken on a new burst of activity. This has been due to both the new Minister for Local Government, Jeanette Powell making positive statements about considering a review but especially to The Melbourne Leader for taking up a campaign in support of the review. We still need people to input their responses onto the website this week. The editor takes notice of the number of responses and can expand the exposure of the issue. The City of Melbourne has also re-issued its request for a review.

7. **General Business**

AGM plans, Saturday 16 April Speaker choice has been left to the executive

8 Discussion of correspondence tabled at meeting

9. **Time and date of next meeting/Meeting close**

Tuesday 19 April 2011.