

# North & West Melbourne Association Inc.



**Monthly General Meeting  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2011  
at 7.30pm  
Meeting Room, first floor,  
North Melbourne Library,  
66 Errol Street**

Meeting Chairperson: Kevin Chamberlin

## AGENDA

### 1. Welcome and apologies

**Attendance Book - Michael Horscroft, Jan Lacy, Janet Graham, Lorraine Siska, Stephen Farrugia, Geoff Leach, Kevin Chamberlin, Bill Cook**

**Apologies - Madeleine Scully Julianne Bell, Mary Kehoe, Alba Gatto, Alan Ashley, Roger Nairn, Nancy Nankervis,**

### 2. Confirmation of minutes

**Motion** That the minutes of the Meeting held 15 March 2011 be confirmed.

Moved Bill Cook

Seconded Janet Graham

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. Due the change of government and changing budget priorities, it was felt that the money may no longer be available.

Public lighting issue. Nothing further to report.

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

City Of Melbourne

Notification of outdoor cafe permit application Red Leaf/La Do Restaurant 2 Boundary Road North Melbourne.

Notification of outdoor cafe permit application Limerick Castle Hotel 161 Errol Street North Melbourne.

Planning permit application , 6 Curzon Street – application refused

Questionnaire of client satisfaction from Planning Department.

VCAT

Decision of 141-149 Roden Street

Alzheimer's Australia

Education and Information

Best Hooper material on 46 Villiers Street

Landcare magazine

### 5. Committee Report

- North and West Melbourne News.

Nothing new posted on the News website since February, although instructions were contained in last issue about how to input material. The potential for this form of communication is great for influencing opinion. It raises questions about our relationship with the News and the use we make of our website, particularly in relation to Rays emails. Julianne Bell is very good at this. The possibility of using Council money to pay someone to run the website was raised. Can we use existing resources such as Ray to do this? Issues of control were seen as a limit to allowing too many people to input onto the website, but there certainly could be more than we currently have..

**Motion** That we defer discussion to next meeting. An Agenda item for next agenda on electronic communication and website management is to be listed.

Moved Geoff Leach

Seconded Stephen Farrugia.

Carried

- Gabby Stannus offer and Michael Burville, Facebook/Twitter consultant at the Centre. Michael left the Centre in February.

### 6. Workgroup Reports

- Planning

1. Municipal Strategic Statement (See submission on the website) At a recent Council sponsored discussion forum the heritage of industrial sites was raised by a National Trust speaker. The MSS is proposing that many of these sites should go to mixed use. Many are being converted to residential whereas it may be important that they continue as industrial or be converted to artists/craft workshops and retain their current space form. North and West featured strongly in the discussion . It was also noted that there was no resident/anti growth views represented on the panels.
2. La Trobe Close redevelopment-update

Well on way to building Stage 1. Information from Adam Bandt's office indicate that Stage 2 is not funded. Rose Iser is urging people to contact Wendy Lovel I(Minister of Housing) to put views on how Stage 2 should be managed. Adam should be able to stop it as he promised. Phase 2 not started. It was noted that 7 levels had been reduced to 4 making the development more concentrated eg more one bedroom units with reduced amenity. Unit number s were only reduced from 220 to 198, basically bed sits. Stage 2 will be sold off, to fund stage 1. Stage 3 had nothing on the plans.

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3. 46 Villiers Street At VCAT
4. St Joseph's CBC Nothing to report
5. Zagame- King Roden & Stanley Sts – 259 units and one retail premises. Do have an answer to emails from the Minister, but no indication of a decision.
6. 130-140 Errol St Council ended up refusing the application. It is now going to VCAT with some changes. ALP weakened the rules together with So Council. Michael and Geoff to organise who should go. Angela is not keen to represent the Association.
7. 141-149 Roden Street - A win at VCAT. 6 levels down to 5.
8. 420 Spencer Street. Nothing further to report.
9. Preliminary discussions re Baptist Church, (service Station, King St) Some members concerned at the possibility of excessive height.
10. 453 Dryburgh St. 26 Erskine St. Geoff is going to VCAT about 453 being given a permit. Councillors failed to call 453 in due to some administrative bungle. 26 Erskine has been called in
- 11 92 Molesworth Street. We agreed to object but have not done so
- 12 151-153Abbotsford Street - . 5 levels with no parking. We agree to object.

- Business Defer
- Social Events- Next event. Maria's Trattoria on Tuesday May 10 at 7.00pm
- Environment -
  - Eades Place. Plans tabled . The Council is asking people to write in comments on 2 options.. Option2 is the same as option 1 but without the median. The local residents feel under siege.

Motion That the Association support Option 2. Michael to respond.

Moved Lorraine

Seconded Bill

Carried

- Errol, Courtney, Harcourt sts open space  
The proposal began with an idea to expand the school ground to the west side of Harcourt Street. The school had a car park which was rented out to businesses. Now street beautification measure going to cost \$1,800,000 but give no direct access to the school. There were issues at VCAT about whether the case should be heard. Some concessions were gained.
- Homeless Action Group – Forum on homelessness on Wednesday May 4 at 7.30 – 8.30 pm, Library Meeting Room.  
Member are encouraged to attend.
- Safety Forum at Town Hall on Monday 2 May 7-8.30 Noted. Brochures circulated.
- Transport
  - Westlink Nothing Further to add
  - Haymarket Roundabout We have received a response from Vicroads to report back on our meeting. Nothing much has been gained. It appears that the Council will not do anything about Bedford Street until the Structure Plan is finalised.
- CoRBA
  - Media campaign for Council review The Melbourne Leader is running an excellent campaign. The Age is also showing some interest
  - Meeting with Adam Bandt. Focus was on Council reform. Adam agreed to write a submission to the Minister.
  - Meeting with Crs Clarke and Oke re heritage. Some activity being done by Graeme Butler to develop better information and policy on heritage. Report will be tabled to Council and then opened for public consultation. Cr Clarke was not complimentary about the Heritage Advisory Committee.
  - Proposed meeting with Mayor of Geelong re elected Mayor for Geelong
  - Meeting re Council consultation performance and policy to be held with CEO in early May

## 7. General Business

**AGM plans, Saturday 16 April – postponed - will need to be in May**

**Defer to executive for resolution.**

## 8 Discussion of correspondence tabled at meeting

It was agreed that letter be sent to Council about the way the officers see their role in exercising discretion. Geoff to draft

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

Tuesday 17 May 2011.