

Oaks Estate Progress Association

**Minutes of OEPA Committee meeting, 7.10pm, Thursday 6th September 2012,
at the Oaks Estate Community Hall.**

Present. Karen Williams (Chair), Fran Lethbridge, Michel Starling Bernadette Fitzgerald.

1. Apologies: Alex Saeck, Judith Saeck, John Bruggeman , Ewan Maidment.

Soup was provided by Karen.

2. Minutes of previous Committee meeting held 9th August 2012.

Moved: Fran, seconded Bernadette, that the minutes as amended be accepted. Carried.

3. Matters arising. See action plan.

Action plan review. See also attached revised Action Plan.

1. – *Master Plan.*

1a) There have been no further reference group meetings to date. The committee will make contact with Petra to ascertain current status and whether there are future reference groups planned.

David Papps to be invited Oaks Estate at an appropriate time.

A Walk and Talk with Shane Rattenberry and Caroline La Couteur is scheduled for Friday 7th September at 4pm. John B, Michel and Karen are intending to go to this. It will include discussion about planning, heritage and environment in the context of appropriate infill for the peri-urban environment; Railway Street trucks/cross border buffering between industry and residential, buffering for heritage and environmental protection, and precinct codes.

Michel expressed concern that it seems that ACT Housing are not interested in the master planning process. See 2c) below.

1d) *Heritage* : Ongoing consultation as required. No action since the last meeting.

1g) – *Stateline.* Michel has been in contact with Stateline but has not had any feedback from them. Karen commented that someone from ABC radio had made contact after seeing the blackboard signs.

2c) – *Community development projects.* The meeting with Lyn Diskon and Tim Coxhead, arranged for 5th September was postponed until after the 19th September. The OEPA received an email from Tim Coxhead stating that we may now have the opportunity to include the Housing ACT central area manager at the meeting. A list of ‘big picture’ aims needs to be developed to present to the meeting.

3) – *River rehabilitation.* Need to follow up re fill being dumped on leased land below River Street as mentioned at the previous meeting as well as the broken gate and motor bike riders using tracks on the land.

Terry has contacted Rebecca Dawson and Canberra Connect re cows entering the river corridor and eating new plants.

3g) – *Queanbeyan Land Care.* Queanbeyan Landcare members from Oaks Estate will work in terms of OEPA supporting Queanbeyan Landcare activities in Oaks Estate and reciprocation of the work. It was agreed that OEPA support Queanbeyan Landcare activities in Oaks Estate. Moved by Fran, seconded by Karen.

3h) – *Stage 2 funding*. Still no confirmation of stage 2 funding.

4d) – *Robertsons' House – National Trust*. Risk audit before the public are allowed into the House has been approved but no action has been taken to date.

5) – *Membership and constitution*. Alex and Ewan are currently away. The sub-committee (Terry, Alex, Nick, Ewan) is to meet as soon as possible after 23 September.

6) – *Fundraising – suggested activities*. Bernadette agreed to contact Southside again to determine whether they will cover insurance for activities at the Hall – and ask them for a copy of their insurance policy on the Hall. Once this is determined, the committee can plan what fundraising activities may be done at the hall.

The CD of old stories was publicized in the August newsletter and on the website

7b) – *Queanbeyan LEP*. Terry has spoken to QCC re DCP process. Karen wrote to Katy Gallagher in terms of crossborder MoU and buffering/industry/environment. A response from Katy Gallagher was received and this was tabled at the meeting.

7e) – *Queanbeyan LEP – Australasian Railways Association*. John wrote to Bryan Nye and Karen is following this up. No support is forthcoming to date.

7g) *Queanbeyan LEP – Trucks parking in Railway St*.

Ewan is to write a letter to Mayor Overall asking Council to develop land use controls (DCPs) for off-street parking on Railway St and access to businesses on the railway land if/when NSW approves the proposed re-zoning and pointing out problems in Oaks Estate of heavy through-traffic to and from Queanbeyan.

8) – *Communication strategy*.

8b) – *Communication strategy – newsletter*. Latest one was distributed in August as planned. Ewan was acknowledged for his input and thanked for a job well done.

8c) – *Communication strategy – blackboard sign update*. Next blackboard sign to be written this week. The producer from ABC radio's Alex Sloan's program saw the sign about the bus issues and suggested a potential interview with ABC radio.

8e) – *Communication strategy – website*. Improved link between blackboard, newsletter, and the OEPA email website. Minutes of OEPA meetings are now posted on the website. This was agreed upon via email with committee members prior to the minutes being posted.

11) – *Inner South Canberra Community Council ISCCC "Meet the Candidates"* public meeting is scheduled for 13th September.

12) *Bus fares and service issues*. Terry, Hugh and Peter O'Dea liaised on this issue. Letter was received from Katy Gallagher – letter tabled. Terry, Hugh and Peter are congratulated on a job well done.

4. Financial Report.

Deferred until the next meeting as Judith was away.

9. Other business.

OEPA records. Information related to this was outlined in the latest newsletter.

Gillespie park – Damage to gazebo – cross bar railings kicked out – still no action. Bernadette will phone Canberra Connect again.

Proposed cricket match on Oaks Estate old cricket pitch in Spring. Nick was not present to comment on progress. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Bus shelter – Bus sign is still down and has been for months. The bus shelter was poorly restored and requires remedial repair. Committee to report this for action.

#-Fran commented on a media report related to a dual carriage way between Queanbeyan and the airport which is being considered. Fran agreed to contact Mike Kelly MP and ask for further information on this.

#*LEP* It was queried whether the company occupying the land on railway land has anything to do with State Rail.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.