

**OAKS ESTATE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SATURDAY 13TH MARCH 2010, 14:00PM
OAKS ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL**

Present

Michel Starling
Tina Hill
Caitlin Buxton
Nick Saeck
Joanne Middleton
Christine Squire
Bede Tongs
Garry Tongs
Bernadette Fitzgerald
Keith Talbot
Elizabeth Paterson
Ewan Maidment
Sheila Mann
David Turnbull
Olaf Martens

Apologies

Peter O'Dea
Jessica O'Dea
Alex Saeck
Judith Saeck
Michelle Cleary

Welcome

Michel Starling – Welcomed everyone and discussed the purpose and function of the Oaks Estate Progress Association (OEPA). Presents the OEPA constitution and passes it around for perusal.

Michel Starling – Checked last AGM minutes.
Keith Talbot accepted
Tina Hill seconded

Finances

Caitlin Buxton – Provided the financial update
Briefly there is -
\$11000.00 balance in the general expenditure account.
The annual audit has been completed.
3 x interest payment over the period.

3 x minor expenditures during the FY.

Michel Starling – Proposed a review of the issues still outstanding from the previous AGM.

Postcode

Michel Starling – Raised the continuing issue of Oaks not having it's own postcode. General discussion about the frustration of having the same postcode and Queanbeyan which resulted in general agreement that the OEPA would wait to see if the postcode is changed in the next yellow/white pages publication as expected.

Community Hall

Michel Starling – Discussed an agreement with South Side that use of the hall for committee based activities would be cost free. General discussion ensued about the cost of hiring the Hall for private use.

It was generally agreed that further dialogue with the government should be entered into with regard to use of the Community Hall.

Heritage

Michel Starling – Reviewed the state of action on the Heritage plan for Oaks Estate including OEPA letters and communications regarding protection of heritage sites. He has been in discussion with ACT Heritage over the last year. ACT Heritage response is that Oaks is ranked as one of the top 50 areas with heritage significance to be look at. This was followed by general discussion about changes to heritage property and what is and isn't permitted.

Michel submitted that the centenary of 2013 might be a good time to pursue the ACT government in recognising the historical importance of Oaks Estate.

Criminality

General discussion was raised about increasing criminality in Oaks Estate and the possibility of requesting a police presence. It was generally agreed that Oaks Estate would not get priority for a police presence however, community members could contact police about criminality in the area and if desired passed information such as, addresses of activity, car descriptions, number plates and photographs.

Reference was also made to the rubbish and remnants of a burned out car still visible outside the Community Hall.

Michel Starling – Advised community members that he had arranged a meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 March at 1000am with the ACT police to discuss possible traffic control measures in Oaks Estate. Any interested parties were advised to meet at the corner of River and Hazel streets.

David Turnbull – Provided information about Mr Mark Whittaker of Up-market construction who own the empty Mobile site. The land is being used as a dumpsite.

Unknown community member – Offered that some squatters had been using the site as a scrap metal salvage dump. The squatters were charging companies to dump rubbish on the site and the rubbish was coming in from number 6 Perry Street.

Oaks Estate Council Maintenance

General discussion on the lack of council maintenance in Oaks Estate. Key areas of concern for repair included:

- Repair needed on the end barrier at the corner of Hazel and William Street
- Trees around Oaks Estate public areas needed trimming and were overgrown and becoming a hazard.
- Numerous footpaths were fractured and needed repair
- Numerous roads and edges were becoming hazardous and needed repair

Nick Saek – Suggests a community working-bee could be organised to undertake repairs within the community rather than rely on the council. While this was welcomed as a good idea, it was generally agreed that this task was not really the function of a volunteer community representation group and that OEPA lacked the energy, enthusiasm and funding to undertake a task of this nature.

Elizabeth Paterson – Suggested that keeping the OEPA alive should be the key priority for 2010.

Michel Starling – Points out a letter from Karen Williams from three years ago that outlines all the same issues raised today as outstanding and agrees that OEPA energy should focus on keeping the OEPA committee alive. Michel encourages community members to contact the Territory and Municipal services frequently to request repairs / maintenance in Oaks Estate.

2010 Committee Nominations

Michel Starling – Initiates discussion on the primary purpose of the AGM and the election of new committee members.

Michel is asked if he cared to extend his presidency of OEPA but declined

No nominations for OEPA President are received, however it is noted that Peter O’Dea has indicated a possible interest.

Michel Starling – Nominates general committee members to nominate President at next committee meeting

Caitlin Buxton – seconded

No nominations for Treasurer are received.

Elizabeth Paterson – Nominates general committee members to nominate Treasurer at next committee meeting.

Caitlin Buxton – seconded

Michel Starling – Nominates Tina Hill to retain position of Secretary.

Tina Hill – accepted

Keith Talbot – seconded

Elizabeth Paterson – Nominates David Turnbull as a general committee member

David Turnbull - accepted

Cailin Buxton - seconded

Caitlin Buxton – Nominates Sheila Mann as a general committee member

Sheila Mann – accepted

Tina Hill – seconded

Caitlin Buxton – Nominates Elizabeth Paterson as a general committee member

Elizabeth Paterson – declines

Elizabeth Paterson – Nominates Cailin Buxton as a general committee member

Caitlin Buxton – accepted

Keith Talbot – seconded

Cailin Buxton – Nominates Michel Starling as a general committee member

Michel Starling – accepted

Elizabeth Paterson – seconded.

Absentee nominations for general committee member

Peter O’Dea

Alex Saeck

Judith Saeck

A new time for the committee meeting is proposed to facilitate attendance, 8pm is agreed to by committee members.

Next meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday in April (13th). All agreed

Meeting closed – 3.25pm