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## Minutes of Oaks Estate Progress Association Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2011 at 7.00pm at the Oaks Estate Community Hall.

**Present.** Peter O'Dea (Chair), Fiona MacGregor, Karen Williams, Sarah Hooper, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Ewan Maidment

**Apologies.** None. Peter reported that Phil Emerson has resigned from the Committee, but will be available to help if needed.

**Minutes of previous meeting.** Minutes of the meeting held 4 May 2011 were accepted by the Committee.

### Matters arising.

- **Railway Street** clean-up has been carried out by TAMS.
- **Caravan** parked on McEwan Avenue has been removed.
- **Beer bottles** still being thrown out of a car at the turning circle opposite the Community Hall on William Street.
- **River corridor.** Karen reported that Garry Byles eventually received her email and that Stephen Hughes, Manager of Parks, has arranged to meet the Catchment Group to develop a plan for the river, especially at the confluence of the Queanbeyan and Molonglo Rivers and the Oaks Estate river bank.  
Fiona said that a land care group can get going once the heavy debris has been cleared. It was noted that there are still platypus, marsupial rats and river dragons living in the river. Karen reported that two sugar gliders are living in the tree in her yard.
- **Website.** Sarah tabled a plan for an OEPA website. She recommended Free Web as the web host / service provider (\$54/year) and asked for suggestions for a domain name (\$12/year).  
The Committee agreed unanimously to go ahead with the website using the domain name <oaksestate.act.org>, to grant expenses up to \$100 for the cost of establishing the website and thanked Sarah for her thought and work put into establishing the website.  
Sarah also asked for links and content for the website.

### General Business

- **Postal address.** It was noted that the Association would need a postal address. It was moved Karen, seconded Fiona, that the Secretary be authorised to open a PO Box at Queanbeyan Post Office. Carried.
- **OEPA records.** It was agreed that Ewan would obtain a 2-drawer filing cabinet to house OEAP records in the meeting room at the Community Hall. Peter reported that he has keys to the Community Hall.
- **Old Mobil site development.** Matter deferred. Ewan to try to obtain details of the Development Application.

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- **Gillespie Park.** It was noted that the TAMS Park development plan proposes planting *prunus* trees. It was agreed that Peter would contact TAMS to repeat that the Association does not want more prunus, but prefers Kurrajong which are native to the area, long lived and do not drop branches.  
Peter will also point out to TAMS that a basket ball hoop is preferred to the bouncing device and that it should be located away from the Community Garden fence.
- **Southside Community Group.** It was noted that the contact was through Gary Tongs. Ewan to make contact and offer to exchange information.
- **Robertson House.** Karen reported that she had no further contact with the Heritage Unit or the consultant, Peter Dowling. She supposed that they found the house stable enough to preserve. Karen is disappointed that the picket fence has been demolished. She also pointed out that the heritage development focuses on the house. It excludes the long block facing onto Railway Street where the family ran turkeys and chooks and had a vegetable garden.
- **Public Officer.** Tina Hill has confirmed that she has resigned as Public Officer. Moved Bernadette, seconded Karen, that Fiona MacGregor be appointed Public Officer. Carried.

**Other business.**

- **Newsletter.** It was noted that the print run should be reduced from 250 to 200 for the next issue of the OEPA *Newsletter*.
- **Opening of renovated Gillespie Park and Fundraiser.** Fiona flagged these matters for discussion at the next Committee meeting.
- **Curry Night.** Peter reported that he is thinking of holding a curry night at the Community Hall in August to raise funds for a new Community Gardens sign.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.