

# Oaks Estate Progress Association

-serving our community



**Minutes of Oaks Estate Progress Association Committee meeting held on  
Wednesday 3 August 2011**

**Venue: Oaks Estate Community Hall.  
The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.**

**Present.** Peter O’Dea, (Chair), Fiona MacGregor, Sarah Hooper, Alex Saeck, Bernadette Fitzgerald.

**Apologies.** Karen Williams, Judy Saeck, Ewan Maidment

**Minutes of previous meeting.** Minutes of the meeting held 6 July 2011 were accepted by the Committee. Moved Fiona MacGregor and seconded by Alex Saeck.

In the absence of the secretary Bernadette Fitzgerald agreed to take the minutes of this meeting.

## **Matters arising.**

- **Beer bottles and burnt out cars:** comment was made that this is still problematic. Further discussion identified that the beer bottles accumulate in the same place near the community hall and that burnt out cars are regularly noted in the same area. Reference was made to Peter’s recommendation to TAMS for CCTV. Discussion took place about the fact that brighter lights around this end of William Street may be useful in deterring these incidents.
- **River corridor** It was agreed that the association will contact TAMS about further post flood clean up work to extend to the railway bridge. The president agreed to do this. It was also acknowledged that it would be good to assist in the clean up of the river corridor. It was suggested that local residents have a Picnic Day and do a bit of a clean up some time in the near future. Logistics of this to be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Postal Address** Payment for the cost of the PO Box was reimbursed to the secretary. Ewan will continue to check the PO Box prior to each meeting and table correspondence received.
- **Annual Returns** The secretary was reimbursed for the cost of lodging the Annual Returns.
- **OEPA records** These records have not been located. The president will contact Southside Community Services to express concern about this again with emphasis on the fact that they are the fundamental record of the OEPA history and progress.
- **Old Mobil site development** Alex provide scanned copies of the documents tabled at the last meeting to committee members prior to the meeting. The president advised that there has been no extension to the previous grant application and copies of the plans are being sought by the association.

**Oaks Estate Progress Association, PO Box 44, Queanbeyan ACT 0200.**

- **Gillespie Park** The president reported that installation of the new fences is scheduled to commence soon. Work on the park was not completed by the end of June 2011, or even started, as planned by TAMS. The OPEA needs to follow-up re progress.
- **Trees in the park** The president advised that he spoke to a ranger in the park who informed that one tree – not native to the ACT has dry rot and will be removed and that a dead pine is going to be removed.
- **Robertson House** Comment was made about what Robertson house will be used for after restoration.
- **Opening of Gillespie Park and fundraiser** Fiona and Bernadette agreed to meet in the near future to discuss plans about the opening of the park once renovations have taken place with the view of engaging the community.
- **Curry night** For further discussion at the next meeting.
- **Website** Sarah advised that the skeleton project is done and that the association needs to provide images and descriptions to put on the website. There is a link to Robertson House and it was suggested that the Newsletter be put on the website. Further discussion included putting a notice on the new OE notice board suggesting other ideas to include. Sarah would appreciate feedback on this. The website address is oaksestateact.org.
- **Recent violence** Sarah advised that the body corporate had repaired the fence referred to at the last meeting but said it requires further reinforcement.

### General Business

- **Oaks Estate walking trail** Bernadette said that Karen has provided tour guides related to this and that she will have them scanned for circulation at the next meeting. One is a heritage tour of the urban surrounds and the other is a rural tour.
- **Community garden** The president attended a meeting with COG's last night and said they are considering trench pipes and irrigation. He also advised that there will be a working bee at the community garden on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm to 4pm. He suggested that the OEPA contribute \$100 for a BBQ on the day and this was agreed upon. Further discussion took place about new signs for the community garden and advertising, including on the OEPA website and the COG's website. Fiona proposed that she contact Samaritan House to ascertain if they would be interested in using the garden as a part of their work placement for clients.
- **Use of the community hall** Comment was made that Southside Community Services are using the Oaks Estate community hall for community use outside the Oaks Estate area. This comment was made in reference to the fact it was used for a recent party that went on well into the night. This raised the question that perhaps the OEPA could use the hall for other purposes.
- **Street-side rubbish** Discussion took place about a large amount of rubbish outside 15 River Street. The president advised that he would contact the relevant body to address the removal of this.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.