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Minutes of the Oaks Estate Progress Association Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at the Oaks Estate Community Hall. (Meeting postponed from 5 October as a quorum was not present on that night.) The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Present. Peter O'Dea (Chair), Sarah Hooper, Alex Saeck, Judy Saeck (Treasurer), Bernadette Fitzgerald, Ewan Maidment (Secretary).

Apologies. None.

Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes of the meeting held 14 September 2011 were accepted by the Committee.

Matters arising.

- Gillespie Park. Work is due for completion at the end of October. The tree growing beside the elm tree is not going to be cut down. Alex suggested that maybe it could be straightened.
- COGS Community Garden. Peter reported that the working bee was productive and that there would be another one in early November. Sarah said she would like an allotment and will follow this up with Peter. The phone number on the sign needs to be changed to reflect the current contact number. Bernadette agreed to change this on the existing sign pending the creation of a new sign. Peter said that he is looking into putting up a glasshouse in the community garden beside the shed. It was reported that Karen Williams has expressed an interest in using part of the garden to propagate seeds for replanting the river corridor.
- Robertson House. Ewan contacted Nigel Featherstone of the ACT Heritage Unit. A community tour of the building and discussion of proposed future usage is being planned for late October.
- Loss of records of the Association. No mention was made of a response from Southside Community Services re the loss of the OEPA records. Alex has a personal file of papers produced by the Association which he will make available for copying.
- Membership of the Molonglo Catchment Group. Payment will be made by Ewan following the meeting. It was agreed that Karen Williams and John Bruggerman are the representatives for the Oaks Estate community.
- Website. Sarah was thanked for her input into the development of the website. Sarah explained that Karen Williams has been very helpful in providing information and resources for this site.
- Dumping commercial waste. Peter reported that more waste has been dumped on Mountain Road. Alex has a contact and will follow-up.

Correspondence.

- An email received 12 October from Karen Williams re a proposed meeting of the OEPA and the Molonglo Catchment Group with Rebecca Dawson (Project Manager with the Restoration of Waterways and Surrounds Project) about restoration of the River corridor

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in Oaks Estate. The committee agreed that early November would be a suitable time for the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed to start off with a walk along the River Corridor commencing at 6pm, followed by a meeting in the Community Hall. It was also agreed to hold the next OEPA Committee meeting on the same evening

- There was no mail for the Association in the PO Box.

Treasurer's Report.

- Judith reported that the current amount in the OEPA term deposit account is \$6,859.26. This investment was rolled over on 10 October for four months at 2.7 %. The Treasurer will review the investment before the next roll over.
- Reimbursements. Peter was reimbursed for the expenditure for the COGS community garden BBQ - \$91.32. Sarah was reimbursed for the expenditure of the website to date - \$58.95. It was noted that this will be an annual expense. Ewan was provided with a cheque for \$25 to pay for renewal of OEPA membership of the Molonglo Catchment Group.

Infrastructure Capacity Study and Oaks Estate Master Planning. Ewan reported that he had contacted Gerard Coffey and Aimee Davidson at ACTPLA. They were not keen to provide the Association with a copy of the Infrastructure Study. However Aimee outlined a proposed procedure and time frame for the Master Planning to start with a community meeting in November.

Newsletter. Ewan agreed to write the next Newsletter and provide Peter with a draft for review prior to circulation. Bern agreed to have two copies laminated to put on the OEPA Community Notice Board and on the window of the Bottle Shop. Peter and Ewan will liaise re distribution via letter drop.

Constitution of the OEPA. Peter reported that he has sent a copy of the OEPA Constitution to the committee members. He believes that the constitution does not comply with the requirements for incorporated organisations. Ewan reported that he has a register of members compiled from available records. It was agreed to review the Constitution before the next AGM.

Other Business

- Burnt out cars. Peter reported that he has arranged a meeting with authorities to consider measures to deter people from burning cars at the top end of William Street – probably additional lighting.
- Oaks Estate Walking Tours. Sarah has made copies of Karen Williams' walking tours of Oaks Estate and said she will provide these at the next meeting. Sarah suggested that copies be placed in strategic areas for visitors to access.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.