

Oaks Estate Progress Association Inc.

Minutes of OEPA Committee meeting held at the Hall,
Oaks Estate, 7.10pm, Thursday 5 September 2013.

Present. Karen Williams (Chair), John Bruggeman, Alex Saeck, Ewan Maidment.

1. Apologies: Judith Saeck, Michel Starling.

2. Minutes of previous meeting. Moved John B, seconded Alex, that the minutes of the meeting held 1 August be accepted. Carried.

3. Matters arising

Master Plan. No change. No contact from ESDD.

Traffic survey. Roads ACT traffic summary for Railway St., Oaks Estate, April 2013, received from Edward Meredith on 4 September:

Weekly average VPD btw McEwanAv & River St = 3632

Weekly average VPD btw Mountain Rd & Norse Rd = 4593

The committee noted that (a) the average speed on Railway St between McEwan Av and River St was 60kph in a 50kph zone; (b) that the volume of traffic on the Queanbeyan by-pass (Norse Rd to Oaks Estate Rd) is not much greater than the volume running along Railway St through the village of Oaks Estate. Ewan to follow-up re prioritization of footpath construction and traffic calming on Railway St.

River rehabilitation – straying cattle. Cattle still straying on to the river bank. Ranger sent formal letter threatening impounding – cattle sold and replaced by quieter herd on agistment. Motor bike riders still accessing the river bank paths. Karen to contact Ann Forest to inquire about ownership of lease on paddock.

Centenary celebrations.

(a) Parties in Village organizing meeting to be held Saturday 14 September. Brooke Small (Program Manager, Canberra Centenary Celebrations) is supplying leaflets. Karen and Ewan to distribute them.

(b) Portrait of a Nation. Karen met with Michel and Rachel who are developing proposals for the event in Oaks Estate.

Communication.

(a) Newsletter. Hold off until October (master plan update; party in village; traffic; platypus).

(b) Blackboard. Advertise Parties in Village organizing meeting.

Telstra meeting with ISCCC re installation of the National Broadband Network is scheduled for 31 October.

4. Financial report.

- Alex reported that there the signatories on the OEPA's Cmth Bank accounts were updated on 4 September.
- Cheques reimbursing Ewan (\$205.84) and Terry (\$58.95) had been drawn as per resolutions of the July and August OEPA committee meeting.
- Alex reported that as at 31 July there was \$4549.25 in the OEPA cheque a/c, and \$7238.60 in the OEPA term a/c which was reinvested on 10 June at 2.45%. Also cheques from the Roberstons' House tour and from ISCCC for printing amounting to \$533.25 were banked on 6 May.
- Karen reported that she had paid \$10 to ISCCC for two OEPA representatives on the Council. Moved Ewan, seconded John B, that Karen re reimbursed. Carried.

5. Bede Tongs Memorial Plaque.

- Garry Tongs got in contact: he approved the draft text for plaque, suggested Sunday 27 October would suit Bede's grandchildren and others for the dedication; and reported that Bede would

approve of Katy Gallagher or Kate Lundy to speak at the dedication. The committee agreed to aim for the dedication on 27 October and to invite Katy Gallagher to speak at the dedication.

- Quote received from A1 Plaques for supply, inset and installation of a cast bronze plaque - \$760 plus GST; stone and delivery held at Canberra Sand and Gravel, Fyshwick – c.\$180. Total cost estimated at \$1020. Moved Alex, seconded John B, that the estimated expenditure be approved. Carried.

5. Community Garden.

- Karen reported that two community organizations are using the garden: (a) NSW Disability Services, and (b) St Vincent de Paul. She has started holding meeting with the gardeners and is collecting fees.
- The garden has a water debt. Excessive water usage is being addressed. It appears that the water meter for Gillespie Park is lower than the garden water meter. So there may be a case for claiming some reimbursement of water costs from TAMS.
- There has not yet been a response to the application for a Community Support and Infrastructure Grant.
- Gordon (St Vincents) has volunteered to draft a re-design for the garden aimed at improving water storage and composting.

6. Proposed MoU with Southside Community Services re Community Hall

- No response received from Lyn Diskon (SCS) to OEPA email dated 12 August outlining the Committee's concerns about the proposed MoU, nor to a reminder sent to Lyn on 4 September.
- Karen has met up with a Scout Group, formerly associated with Queanbeyan Scouts, which would like to set up in the Community Hall. Lyn has indicated that the SCS would consider allowing the Scouts use of the hall at a discounted rate while the group gets established.
- No meeting yet with Warren (Aikido instructor) re storage, etc.
- SCS owe OEPA \$50 for collecting and transport of furniture to the Hall.

7. Other business.

- Queanbeyan 175 years celebration will be held on 28 September.
- Graffiti damage. Police asked for photos which they put in a data base. No action unless culprits caught red handed.
- National Trust. Karen attended a meeting organized by the National Trust on 28 August re the call-in powers of the Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development. She received a letter from the Minister, Simon Corbell, dated 8 August, acknowledging her submission re the draft *Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill*. The National Trust is preparing a further submission.
- Bus fares. Terry Williams wrote to Deanes re its proposed increase in fares on 5 September. The Committee expressed his appreciation of Terry's continuing efforts in this regard.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.