

OEPA COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of meeting
7.00pm, Thursday, 7 August 2014
at the Community Hall, Oaks Estate

In attendance

Karen Williams (Chair), Dan Heldon, Ewan Maidment, Michel Starling, Kate Gauthier (minutes)
Adam Stephan-Slade (general member)

Apologies:

Alex Saeck, Judith Saeck

Minutes of previous meeting held 5 June 2014

Accepted Ewan Maidment, seconded Michel Starling. All agreed.

Matters arising

None

Financial Report

Treasurer absent - item held over for Treasurer's return.

Oaks Estate Heritage Reports - update

- Karen circulated draft of letter to ACT Heritage Council. Most content of the letter has been worked into master plan submission. Main point made is a flawed master plan process results when the heritage process has not been completed and is not properly implemented in the planning process.
- Letter will be sent to Duncan Marshall.

Master Plan

Most of the meeting was taken up with discussions around amendments to draft submission to the master plan. Discussion including the observation that it would be in order to seek a meeting with the new Minister Mick Gentleman to acquaint him with issues concerning Oak Estate – Master Plan and other. Kate said she was looking into precinct code matters in preparation of our OEPA submission on the Draft Precinct Code amendments being prepared by the Planners. Kate also agreed to amend submission as per input from committee and circulate an amended submission for final approval before Karen submits to ESD on behalf of the OEPA.

Other business

- Discussion around the recent cutting down of trees. Beard trees were cut down. Committee resolved that Dan would call TAMS to make a complaint, and to ask about reasons why McEwan Street gum tree that was cut down. Karen suggested he also call Euroka Gilbert who is the Aboriginal liaison officer - ACT Heritage.
- Discussion around immediate future of public housing - whether recent ACT announcements of public housing sales had mentioned the housing at Oaks Estate. No-one reported seeing anything.