

OEPA COMMITTEE MEETING

7.00pm, Thursday, 4 September 2014
at the Community Hall, Oaks Estate

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Karen Williams (chair) Kate Gauthier (minutes) Ewan Maidment, Dan Heldon

Apologies: Alex Saeck, Judith Saeck, Michel Starling

Minutes of previous meeting held 7 August 2014

Amendments from Karen to correct name "Mark" to "Adam"

Ewan moved, Karen 2nd. Minutes were accepted.

Matters arising

Transport issues: ISCCC have been developing a draft transport plan.

- Karen will forward a copy for other committee members to have input to.

Discussion of new Minister, Mick Gentleman. The facilitator of the Queanbeyan transport meeting, which Kate attended on behalf of OEPA, raised Oaks Estate issues in a meeting with the new Chief of Staff, Adina Cirson. Now would be a good time for OEPA to introduce ourselves to new Minister and follow up on our Master Plan submission.

- Kate to draft a welcoming email and seeking a meeting with COS. Send to Karen for first review and then wider board. Dan suggested we include public housing issues in light of broader ACT changes to public housing. OEPA to ask what are the plans for public housing in Oaks Estate, and to confirm our commitment to public housing with the new Minister.
- Prior to meeting, OEPA prepare a meeting brief for Minister. This should include a brief history of things that OEPA has lobbied for. Kate to prepare first draft and circulate.

Removed Trees: Ewan looked at stump of McEwan Ave tree that had been removed and it was very rotten. Dan did not get a chance to call about the other trees near Beard.

Heritage Council: Karen has not heard from Duncan Marshall re the OEPA invite for site visit from Heritage Council.

- Karen to follow up with Heritage Council at appropriate time in future to restate invitation.

Financial Report

Treasurer away - formal report on hold pending return.

Ewan noted that \$295 came from ISCCC grant for publishing. Funds have been transferred to bank account.

Karen reported on Community Hall maintenance. Leaking sewage has been fixed. Southside also said they will put new locks on toilets for security.

- Karen to notify Southside that the ~~inside~~ tap is still leaking and should be fixed.

Master Plan - next steps

Discussion around the precinct code. Ewan reported that Simon from ACTPLA who is preparing the draft precinct code said it would be sent to OEPA and community for consultation. Simon reported to Ewan that the important part of the precinct code is the statement at the front to define desired character such as built form and setbacks.

Kate suggested we should draft our input and provide prior to this stage, so we two rounds of input. The drafting process will also be more flexible at the beginning of the process, as changes are more difficult to get signed off the further down the process the drafting goes.

- Kate to start draft precinct code and circulate to committee for input.

Other business

Improvement projects/municipal spending

Discussion around the lack of government spending in Oaks Estate compared to other suburbs. We should be lobbying for more urban improvement. The following items were identified as projects (separate to larger road works/bike paths etc) to lobby the Minister to fund: Planting in empty lot. Replanting of large street trees. Heritage street lights. Picnic area on the river. These items to be included in the issues brief to prepare for a meeting when we get one.

Water

Discussion around water - Wed last week water went off. When came back on tasted of bleach. OEPA should contact Actew to ask why mains keeps breaking. Can they fix permanently?

Newsletter

Newsletter - should let residents know who is on committee, master plan process etc. Include in newsletter a summary of OEPA master plan submission and next steps is a draft precinct code. Use newsletter to alert community to the draft character statement, and that OEPA will be doorknocking soon to get signatures to support our draft character statement for the precinct code.

- Ewan will do draft of newsletter.
- Ewan will alert Terry put master plan submission on website and change address to:

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