

Community Consultation – ACT Government Funding Initiatives

Oaks Estate Community Hall

Meeting chaired by Peter O’Dea

18 people present

Michel Starling provided background to the announced ACT Government Heritage funding (\$165,000) for 9 Hazel and funding for community infrastructure development/upgrade (\$100,000) against the ongoing issue with master planning and Heritage studies of Oaks Estate.

- \$100,000 for comm. Development is for the community to decide how and where to be spent though not likely to be approved for sports facilities e.g. tennis courts. Though could be explored if comm. Interest.
- \$165,000 for restoration works to 9 Hazel St. Comm can have input into possible future life of building though little influence over the actual funding use.

Land release issues were discussed pertaining to the suggested 10 (Govt) identified blocks located within the Oaks Estate precinct.

- Block consolidation was raised as inappropriate
- What type of development would occur on the blocks if released.
- 1 house per block in keeping with current density was seen as desirable and in keeping with character and quality.
- Increased density in Oaks Estate was seen as poor planning decisions

Fiona O’Dea indicated that the Commission flats in George St now have full tenancy - would like to look at whether there is appropriate ongoing support and amenity for commission residents.

- Need to look at amenities – children schools transport etc
- Need mechanism to measure amenity

Mobil site across from park has the potential to create significant negative impacts including up to 100 additional cars and traffic as well as inappropriate density re: development activity.

Mobil Site has an active DA that seeks to build maximum level of medium density - also developer seeking to purchase additional blocks adjacent and consolidate – increasing density again.

Traffic movements to the beard site is also a significant impact on Oaks Estate

Housing commission flats require greater management and strategy -- make Housing more accountable who is the liaison officer for residents what is their plan.

Safety of Main Park critical due to road vicinity

- Fencing an option?
- Drinking in park and general upkeep and misuse an issue
- Original plan for the park was to close River St between Railway and Hazel St

Most important - Oaks Estate needs planning complete 20 years too long.

- Master plan complete
- Heritage study complete

ACT Government tentatively schedule Master plan budget allocation for 2011-12 financial year

Ideas for \$100000

Playground upgrade

Fencing

Landscaping and tree planting in govt flats – though this was indicated as a govt responsibility and not a community issue

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