

**Notes on Oaks Estate Progress Association committee meeting held in the
Community Hall, 8.00pm, 12 October 2010.**

Present: Peter O’Dea (Chair), Michel Starling, Ewan Maidment

Outcome of the Community Meeting held on 29 August. It was suggested that a leaflet and/or poster reporting back on the Meeting be distributed to the community for comment.

Suggestions for expenditure of the \$100,000 for community upgrades offered at the OEPA meeting with the Chief Minister in June:

- Gillespie Park - Playground upgrade, BBQ and table
- Gillespie Park safety fence on Railway Street
- Community sport facilities - *eg* boule or tennis court
- Plaque for Community Hall to commemorate land grant and establishment

Other issues arising out of the Community Meeting to be addressed by the Government:

- TAMS. Ongoing infrastructure maintenance – mowing, roads, signage *etc.*
- ACT Roads. Dangerous volume of traffic on Railway Street. Increased movement of commercial traffic
- ACT Roads. Traffic calming measures to be implemented.
- ACT Housing. Management of ‘hard garbage’ disposal.

Michel commented that the Master Plan might undermine any expenditure.

Eastern Broadacres Discussion Paper Comment is due by mid November. The OEPA to send a response pointing out that impacts on Oaks Estate community are not considered, *eg* roadwork to feed proposed freight staging at Harman.

Land release. Michel reported that Shane Breynard, Senior Advisor to Jon Stanhope, had stated to him that the townhouses on the old Mobil site will go ahead. The developer also wants to purchase three additional blocks between Florence Street and Hill Street. This would cross a threshold and allow significantly greater density of town houses. Mr Breynard advised Michel to work with the developer. It was indicated to Mr Breynard that allowing the development to go ahead would not be in the immediate interest to residents and it would likely further erode any remaining goodwill residents have towards government and the planning process.

There is no sign notifying the development. Residents in Florence Street have not been notified.

It was noted that the consultation process has not been managed and that subsequently activity is occurring that contradicts all previous work undertaken. The community is opposed to the scale of the development and is concerned about traffic and social impacts, as well as the lack of consultation. Impacts will not be managed by the Development Approval process. There is no statement of use in the Territory Plan. The development is contrary to the Oaks Estate Planning Study (2001) which recommended 7 or 8 residences on the old Mobil site.

OEPA contacts. Michel to organize an email address for the Association; Peter to organize a PO Box.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.