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Minutes of Oaks Estate Progress Association Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6 July 2011 at the Oaks Estate Community Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

Present. Peter O’Dea (Chair), Fiona MacGregor, Judy Saeck, Alex Saeck, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Ewan Maidment

Apologies. Karen Williams, Sarah Hooper

Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes of the meeting held 1 June 2011 were accepted by the Committee. Moved Peter O’Dea and seconded by Bernadette Fitzgerald.

Matters arising.

- **Beer bottles** comment was made that beer bottles are still accumulating at the turning circle opposite the Community Hall in William Street.
- **River corridor** It was noted that a lot of work is being carried out clearing flood debris between the Oaks Estate Bridge and the area just past River Street. Comment was made that the extent of the clean up needs to be expanded to include the entire river corridor up to the Queanbeyan town centre and the Progress Association needs to speak to the relevant bodies about expanding the scope of river clean up. It was suggested that once the current work has been completed a community clean up would be beneficial to remove the plastic bags, tyres and other paraphernalia which accumulated in the river following the flood.
- **Postal Address** A PO Box for the OEPA has been established. It is PO Box 44 Queanbeyan 2620. The OEPA has two keys to this, one held by the president and one by the secretary. Ewan needs to be reimbursed for the cost of the PO Box (\$83.85). It was agreed that the PO Box will be checked monthly by the secretary in the week before each committee meeting.
- **OEPA records** The committee has a two-drawer filing cabinet to house the current OEPA records and this is in a cupboard in the meeting room at the OEPA Hall. Concern was raised about the fact that previous historical records of the OEPA cannot be located. The OEPA needs to have further communication with Southside Community Services to ascertain where the historical OEPA records are. Peter agreed to follow this up.
- **Old Mobil site development** Documents related to this were tabled to the committee. Following a number of phone calls, with no fruitful result, the secretary of the OEPA went into the ACTPLA office and was provided with the written information which was tabled at the meeting. Alex offered to scan the document and forward it to all committee members.

Two matters to be followed up related to this are:

1. Find out whether the applicant has been granted an extension
2. Ask if the OEPA may have copies of the plans for this development

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- **Gillespie Park** Comment was made that no work has been started on this despite the fact that Jon Stanhope had set aside funds for work on the park to be undertaken in the 2010-2011 financial year. Comment was also made that the president and OEPA committee members had met with TAMS officers in recent months to consider improvement plans with the expectation that the first stage of the work would be completed by 30 June 2011. This needs to be followed up by the committee. It was agreed that the president will contact TAMS about the delay in progress with the park.
- **Robertson House** No further discussion re Robertson House took place at the meeting.
- **Public Officer** Fiona MacGregor is the current Public Officer.
- **Opening of Gillespie Park and fundraiser** Discussion took place about making this a community event.
- **Curry night** This is being considered to raise money for a new Community Garden sign and to encourage people to engage in the community garden.

General Business

- **Annual Returns** The Annual Returns for 2009 and 2010 were submitted and accepted. The president thanked the secretary for lodging the returns. (\$99.00 to be reimbursed).
- **Website.** Sarah was unable to attend the meeting. She is still looking into the development of a website for the OEPA.
- **Chook kill.** Discussion took place about the fact that a number of local residents had lost chooks to a local dog or fox. Comment was made about a number of dogs living in a house in George Street and one of them jumps over fences. There have also been a lot of foxes seen in the area lately.
- **Recent violence** It was acknowledged that a taxi driver was recently assaulted in George Street. Comment was made about the fact that it would appear that the alleged perpetrators had ripped down a fence between George and River Street enabling more ready access and egress between the lower ends of George and River streets.
- **Trees in Gillespie Park** Sign on a large gum tree to be cut. Looks healthy. OEPA president needs to ring TAMS about protection of the tree and other trees in the park. It was agreed that the president will speak to the relevant officials in relation to tree replacement in the Park.
- **Spring Fundraiser** It was agreed to do this as a community event, rather than a fundraiser. Bernadette and Fiona will meet within the next few weeks to see how this may be organized.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.