

Oaks Estate Progress Association Inc.

Minutes of OEPA Committee meeting held at the Hall, Oaks Estate, 6.40pm, Monday 7 October 2013.

Present. Karen Williams (Chair), Dan Heldon, John Bruggeman, Alex Saeck, Michel Starling, Ewan Maidment.

1. Apologies:

2. Minutes of previous meeting. Moved John B, seconded Alex, that the minutes of the meeting held 5 September be accepted. Carried.

3. Matters arising

Telstra meeting re extension of NBN to Oaks Estate, on 31 October. To be confirmed.

Master Plan. Karen reported on a phone conversation with Petra Oswald (ESDD) on 17 September and a meeting she held with Petra later in September. The draft master plan is to be pushed through ACT government structure by the end of November and if Petra can obtain all levels of approval necessary, within the tight timeframe left available, the draft plan will be tabled for public discussion at a workshop in November. It will remain open for public consultation until January 2014.

Heritage. The Oaks Estate heritage report has been submitted to the Heritage Council. Reports of the heritage consultants are still not available to the public.

Boundaries. Karen reported that the Heritage Council had lost its appeal re the Hotel Rex mural the vista to which cannot be protected. This decision implies that heritage protection of the Oaks Estate landscape (vistas and buffer zones) will be more difficult to protect than first thought. This is a technical issue of getting the significance criteria right and developing the appropriate legal wording for what is new territory for the ACT Heritage Council.

In response the Committee agreed on the following actions:

check that the master planning is following due process;

call our own meeting with Rail Corp/John Holland Rail re uses of the railway lands;

develop our own plan for the use of open space in Oaks Estate;

lobby champions, *eg.* Gai Brodtmann and Shane Rattenbury;

seek public access to Oaks Estate heritage reports.

Traffic survey. Ewan to follow-up with Roads ACT re prioritization of footpath construction and traffic calming on Railway St.

4. Financial Report. No report given.

5. Centenary Celebration – Party in the Village.

Michel reported that he has signed a contract with Centenary of Canberra which allowed \$1,500 for a community party to be held 4.00-8.30pm, Sunday, 24 November. It allowed for temporary closure of River St., between Railway St and Hazel St. Michel is talking to bands and dance groups about involvement. Michel has an insurance quote of \$1,200. It was noted that the blackboards are in need of maintenance or replacement. The Party in the Village will be combined with the Oaks Estate Portrait of a Nation art project being organized by Rachel Bowak and Michel.

6. Community Garden. As convenor, Karen is collecting COGS and allotment fees from the gardeners and is organizing a working bee to tidy up the garden.

7. Bede Tongs Memorial. Following advice from John B, a cast bronze plaque was ordered from Oskar Memorials (Queanbeyan) who will cut a recess in the rock and fit the plaque. Total cost for the plaque and fitting is \$805.00. The rock was purchased from Canberra Sand and Gravel at Fyshwick and delivered on 10 September at a total cost of \$201.80. Alex and Ewan will be building a plinth and setting the rock on it. Karen reported that Chief Minister Katy Gallagher was not available to make the dedication, but

that Senator Kate Lundy may be. The dedication will be on Sunday 27 October, as planned. Karen will contact Kirsten as Southside Community Services re use of the Hall. A notice/flyer will be distributed to the community. \$100 allocated for catering.

8. Proposed MoU with Southside Community Services re Community Hall

Still no response received from Lyn Diskon (SCS) to OEPA email dated 12 August outlining the Committee's concerns about the proposed MoU, nor to a reminder sent to Lyn on 4 September.

Ewan to write formal letter to Southside asking to conclude MoU discussions and inquiring about reimbursement to OEPA of \$50 expenditure picking up furniture for the Hall.

Ewan to forward Dan copies of proposed agreement and responses.

The OEPA's role in bringing the Scouting Group in to use the Hall was noted.

7. Other business.

Googong Sewerage Receiving Facility (SRF) at Queanbeyan Sewerage Works. Notice of proposed development of the SRF brought to OEPA attention by a resident of Oaks Estate Road. Ewan to meet with the resident and draft response to the proposed development.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.