

## OEPA COMMITTEE MEETING

7.00pm, Thursday, 5 March 2015  
at the Community Hall, Oaks Estate

### Minutes

#### 1. Attendance & apologies

Attending: Michel Starling, Kate Gauthier, Alex Saeck, Ewan Maidment, Judith Saeck  
Apologies: Karen Williams, Adam Stephan-Slade

Observing: Nick Saeck

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

Not yet available.

General discussion on what to ask Jane Goffman to work on. There was a lot of initial discussion in consultations about the rural buffer, but this was not included in the master plan and the precinct code. OPEA agreed we should ask her about CZ5 and rural buffer zones.

Ewan suggested writing directly to Minister to raise our issues with the planning process.

#### 3 Media - recent and up coming

- Article in Canberra times re Robertson House used as a shooting gallery
- Upcoming article this Sunday re systemic neglect of community by ACT Govt. Michel asked if anyone had any comments on the article
- Michel outlined that Mark Sawa is doing another article and is looking for anecdotes about living in oaks, esp re problems with crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Friday am is Minister talkback - Michel asked for issues to raise. Committee discussed the safety on Railway Street. Also discussed the story about Robertson house and the drug problems in the community.

#### 4 Meetings - and desired outcome

- Steve Doszpot. Informal meeting. Steve talking about putting a motion in parliament in support of oaks estate. Committee discussed issues we would like the motion to cover: Planning process, public housing, throughcare and bus.
- Gai Brodtmann - Michel sent her an email. She is happy to have a meeting. She is interested in a catalyst project. Possible funding opportunities for development. We would have to go to her with specific ask. **Action** Michel to follow up.
- Andrew Barr - Michel ran into him at the show. We need to start thinking about what we want to raise.
- Others - Ewan raised the idea of writing to head of ESD planning about planning process failing. **Action** Ewan will draft a letter and circulate.
- **Action** - Dan will draft a letter asking for meeting with the Housing Minister.

## 5 Roles Responsibilities

- Community liaison engagement
- Media officer
- Website & social media
- promotions & events
- Membership officer
- Government liaison
- Other
- 'You raise it you fix it' principle
- register of interests.

There was some strong discussion around the idea of whether taking on roles was putting too much pressure on people to take action when they did not want to.

Dan agreed with you raise it you fix it principle. Did not feel we needed a lot of organisation by having specific roles.

## 6 Membership drive - relevance

- Alex & Judith Saeck
- Alex raised the idea that OEPA is not very attractive to young people and we should try to make it more attractive and relevant to young people.

## 7 Community needs survey

Kate G discussed the survey idea - we would survey community needs, and use that to run a workshop prior to the next AGM in order to increase attendance at the meeting and promote OEPA. The workshop would produce a top 5 issues decided by the community, and these would form the workplan for OEPA for the next 12 months.

**Action:** Kate agreed to draft up a survey etc for committee review.

## 8 Festival and other community events

To be held over to next meeting.

## 9 Planning issues

**9.1 (Held over from previous meeting) Discussion by committee and possible motion proposed by Alex Saeck:** *That OEPA will not propose any planning controls that limit the current or future property rights of any existing property owner.*

To be held over to next meeting.

## 9.2 Precinct code

There was a long discussion on the precinct code process and OEPAs position. Kate captured the ideas from the committee to be included in the draft submission to be sent to the committee for review, to ensure the submission accurately reflected the agreed views of the committee.

## Out of session decisions by email:

## 10 March 2015 planning advice

Agreed: That Michel should contract Jane Goffman to provide planning advice up to a cost of \$600.

The advice should cover: The scope of work was also proposed that she (in order of importance and she might not get to all of it)

- provide us with a calculation of the population increase that could occur (to check my calculation of about 650 people)
- provide us with dot points of what she thinks re key problems we should cover
- briefly review our draft submission any provide relevant feedback
- provide advice on rural outlook zones and whether that can be incorporated into precinct code, if so, how do we do this.

Emailed in favour: Kate Gauthier, Michel Starling, Dan Heldon, Adam Stephan-Slade, Alex Saeck.

No emails against.

### **10 March - meetings**

Agreed: That Michel seek meetings with relevant ministers/heads of depts (Andrew Barr / Planning Minister / Housing Minister) to discuss our issues. In order to move quickly, Michel should contact Minister's offices and schedule meetings ASAP and be mandated to take meetings as they arise, keeping to the areas where OEPA has an agreed position on planning and public housing.

Emailed in favour: Michel Starling, Karen Williams, Adam Stephan-Slade, Kate Gauthier  
No emails against.

### **22-23 March - crime statistics.**

Discussion of crime statistics and whether they should be used when discussing public housing, what were the correct crime rates and is this a divisive issue in the community.

Michel, Adam and Kate in favour of using the current attention to lobby govt on a range of issues, and crime statistics form part of the picture. Ewan is in favour of OEPA only lobbying on precinct code issues, particularly around heritage and the rural surrounds, and disagrees that crime statistics should be raised in any discussion of public housing, and believes the rates that Kate has cited are incorrect.

No quorum agreement for or against.

Minutes confirmed at meeting 8 April 2015