

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Meeting 04/2011

4.30 pm, Tuesday 02 August 2011

RECORD OF MEETING

In attendance:

David Papps, Director-General, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (chair)
Erika Strazdins, Youth Advisory Council
Leon Arundell, North Canberra Community Council
Felix MacNeill, North Canberra Community Council
Alan Kerlin, Gungahlin Community Council
Hamish Sinclair, Planning Institute (ACT)
Eric Traise, Tuggeranong Community Council
Kevin Gill, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Austin Lynch, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Murray Coleman, Australian Institute of Architects
Pat McGinn, Weston Creek Community Council

Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate

Ben Ponton, Planning Services
Chris Murray, City Planning
Geoffrey Rutledge, Corporate
Bruce Frazer, Planning Services
Garrick Calnan, Planning Services

Apologies:

Penny Farnsworth, ESDD
Shirley Lithgow, Woden Valley Community Council
John Hibberd, Conservation Council ACT Region
Shirley Gourgaud, Belconnen Community Council
Samara Rahman, ACTCOSS

Agenda items:

1. Welcome (David Papps)

Mr Papps welcomed members and noted the apologies for the meeting.

Mr Papps provided a brief introduction of the new Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate.

Mr Lynch (ISCCC) requested that the minutes of the PDF meetings be made available on the ESDD web. Mr Papps agreed and directed that the minutes for the PDF meetings be placed onto the ESDD web, commencing with the minutes from February 2011.

2. Territory Plan Review Update – including DV 306 (Garrick Calnan, ACTPLA)

Matters discussed included:

- DV302 Community Facility Zones – the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Planning, Public Works and Territory and Municipal Services has reported <http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/downloads/reports/PPW11%20DV302%20.pdf>

making six recommendations. Most will be accommodated in a Govt response to the Inquiry due to the Assembly in October.

- The process of consultation on DV302 was commended as an example of the user-friendly documentation.
- Commercial Zones Review – comments closed on 4 July and about 60 submissions have been received.
- Reviewing Master Plans in a number of centres.
- Precinct codes are also being used and the trend will be to move things out of the default codes and into precinct codes.
- Members noted that precinct codes need to respond to place, and they could be a salve to those in the community that wish to resurrect neighbourhood plans.

3. Members' issues

a) Spatial Plan release date. :

- The Chair updated the meeting that the Minister was reviewed both the content and the release of the planning strategy. The Minister has advised that he would like to see transport policy more explicit within the Planning Strategy.

b) Minister's involvement in the PDF

- the GCC representative had raised the issue during the Virtual Community Cabinet, and informed the meeting that the Minister sees the PDF as a very positive forum.
- Members suggested that representatives from the TAMS Directorate should also be invited to attend PDF.
- The Chair suggested that the PDF could also be used as a policy discussion forum.

c) Future topics for PDF

- The Chair opened a wide ranging discussion on topics that could be discussed at future PDF meetings.
- Members raised
 - Need for computer generated images of planning proposals – or like projects.
 - Transport issues including bus stops, congestion in Civic.
 - Airport / Tralee.
 - Majura Parkway.
- The Chair agreed to visit each of the Community Councils separately to discuss the issues raised.

4. Next Steps

The Chair offered an additional PDF meeting in early September to outline the role of the Directorate and the Government's priorities for the next 12 months.

5. Next PDF meeting

Extraordinary meeting – September 2011 – Date to be advised

Proposed meeting dates for the balance of 2011:

Tuesday 1 November 2011

Tuesday 13 December 2011 (note Assembly sittings in week of 6 December 2011)

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