

A.C.T. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Meeting 01/2011

4.30 pm, Tuesday 8 February 2011

RECORD OF MEETING

In attendance:

Neil Savery, Chief Planning Executive (chair)
Kevin, Gill, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Austin Lynch, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Graeme Evans, Belconnen Community Council
Col Petrie, Tuggeranong Community Council
Murray Coleman, Australian Institute of Architects
Hamish Sinclair, Planning Institute (ACT)
Alan Kerlin, Gungahlin Community Council
Richard Larson, North Canberra Community Council
Samara Rahman, ACTCOSS
Shirley Lithgow, Woden Valley Community Council

ACT Planning and Land Authority

John Meyer, Chief Operating Officer
Vic Smorhun, Communications and Government Services
Garrick Calnan (item 2), Catherine Keirnan (item 4)

Apologies:

Shirley Gourgaud, Belconnen Community Council
Ben Ponton, Development Services
Craig Simmons, Construction Services
John Hibberd, Conservation Council ACT Region
Tom Anderson, Weston Creek Community Council

Agenda items:

1. Welcome (Neil Savery)

Mr Savery welcomed members to the first meeting of 2011, and welcomed Peter Elford who is the vice president of the Gungahlin Community Council. The meeting noted that Alan Kerlin as the GCC spokesman on planning, transport and environment will continue to represent the Council on the Planning and Development Forum

2. Update on Territory Plan variations – Nos 301 and 303 (Garrick Calnan, ACTPLA)

Matters discussed included:

- the outcomes from the Territory Plan Code Reference Group
Action: agreed that the report on the findings and recommendations of the 2010 Territory Plan Code Review Reference Group on draft variations to the Territory Plan Nos 301 and 303 to be sent to reference group members; a copy to be provided to PDF members (see copy attached)
- noted high level of consensus from the reference group's deliberations
- noted that the comments of all the reference group participants following the last meeting, have been provided to the Minister.

3. Swimming pool fencing – proposed legislation (Vic Smorhun, ACTPLA)

Matters discussed:

- noted that a discussion paper detailing options for pool fencing compliance and enforcement (to comply with the 2010 Building Code of Australia) is to be released later in February 2011 for public comment.

4. Outcomes from *Time to Talk* and overview of the evaluation of the Spatial Plan process (Catherine Keirnan, ACTPLA)

Matters discussed – *Time to Talk*:

- noted the issues out of the *Time to Talk* work – including the future scenarios summary

- noted that a cap on population is not a consideration in the Spatial Plan evaluation.

Action: ACTPLA to provide information on the demographic spread and age profile of those who participated in the *Time to Talk* conversations etc.

Matters discussed – evaluation of Spatial Plan as part of the Sustainable future program, provided the evidence for needing a review of the ACT’s planning strategy (Canberra Spatial Plan and Sustainable Transport Plan)

- consultation on the planning strategy with the community in 2011
- includes liaising with the National Capital Authority and NSW
- includes sustainable transport plan
- a reference group for this process has not been contemplated

A copy of the presentation on this agenda item is attached for the information of Forum members.

See below demographic data on those who participated in Time to Talk:

Gender		
Female	733	51%
Male	712	49%
Total selections	1445	

Age		
36 - 55	508	35%
26 - 35	438	30%
18 - 25	225	16%
55 +	219	15%
under 18	55	4%
Total selections	1445	

Suburb		
Belconnen	358	25%
North Canberra	337	23%
Tuggeranong	215	15%
South Canberra	162	11%
Gungahlin	161	11%
Woden Valley	112	8%
Weston Creek	100	7%
Total selections	1445	

Further analysis is available in the Appendix F ‘Survey Report’ at the following link:
<http://www.canberra2030.org.au/outcomesreport/>

5. PDF members’ issues

- ‘Drying areas’ in multi unit developments (Kevin Gill, ISCCC)
 - Body corporates do not allow for drying on balconies and tenants/owners are forced to use driers; considered to be part of the design of complexes.

6. Next PDF meeting

Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 4.30pm.

Please forward any agenda items for the meeting to Ros Davey at:
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Proposed meeting dates for 2011:

- Tuesday 8 February 2011
- Tuesday 12 April 2011
- Tuesday 7 June 2011
- Tuesday 2 August 2011
- Tuesday 1 November 2011
- Tuesday 13 December 2011

Outstanding matter from Planning and Development Forum meeting of 14 December 2010:

In relation to the item about the notification of larger, more complex DAs, a number of changes were introduced on 1 February 2011:

Changes to notification requirements for larger development applications

The changes are as follows:

- community consultation - information regarding the details of any community consultation undertaken prior to a DA being lodged for approval to be provided with all applicable DAs
- public notification - the public notification period for applicable DAs extended from 15 business days to 20 business days.

The changes apply to DAs for:

- residential buildings higher than three storeys and consisting of more than 50 units
- buildings where the total floor space of more than 7000m²
- buildings or structures higher than 25m.