

A.C.T. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Meeting 02/2011

4.30 pm, Tuesday 12 April 2011

RECORD OF MEETING

In attendance:

Neil Savery, Chief Planning Executive (chair)
Austin Lynch, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Anne Forrest, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Graeme Evans, Belconnen Community Council
Murray Coleman, Australian Institute of Architects
Hamish Sinclair, Planning Institute (ACT)
Alan Kerlin, Gungahlin Community Council
Richard Larson, North Canberra Community Council
Shirley Gourgaud, Belconnen Community Council
Shirley Lithgow, Woden Valley Community Council
Pat McGinn, Weston Creek Community Council

ACT Planning and Land Authority

Ben Ponton, Development Services
Vic Smorhun, Communications and Government Services
Gay Williamson, Planning Services (item 2)

Apologies:

John Meyer, ACTPLA
Roslyn Dundas, ACTCOSS
Samara Rahman, ACTCOSS
Craig Simmons, Construction Services
John Hibberd, Conservation Council ACT Region
Kevin Gill, Inner South Canberra Community Council
Tom Anderson, Weston Creek Community Council
Kathy Ross and Zaine Bulot, Youth Advisory Council

Agenda items:

1. Welcome (Neil Savery)

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

2. Update on the revised planning strategy (Gay Williamson, ACTPLA)

Matters discussed included:

- link to Economic White Paper - now included as part of *The Canberra Plan: Towards Our Second Century* which “builds on the original *Canberra Plan* by articulating key directions for the city’s continued prosperity as we approach our second century. It also responds to new challenges since 2004” (see http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0013/120217/canberra_plan_text_V5.pdf)
- government offices in Gungahlin
- to be strategic re planning for infill/intensification (need to be careful to differentiate between the two terms)
- planning at the airport is not under ACT jurisdiction
- cross-border issues – ACT and NSW involved in various forums; Chief Minister’s Department has responsibility for cross-border issues – refer to site: <http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/policystrategic/regional> which includes information on Regional Leaders’ Forum; Regional Management Framework (with the NSW Government) and Regional Development Australia
- draft planning strategy to be provided to the Minister and then released for public consultation, via a refreshed *Time to Talk* website; scheduled to release a final strategy later in 2011
- climate vulnerability assessment – fuel vulnerability (peak oil)
- food production – cost of transport

- transport strategy – nodes for park 'n ride (PNR) - included in *Transport for Canberra* – option of utilising defunct local centres as PNR locations (along transport routes)
- real time passenger information crucial in public transport planning
- master plan for Woden town centre – proposal for 28 storey tower not consistent with earlier draft master plan.

3. PDF members' issues

a) Progress report on DV 306 (Hamish Sinclair)

Noted and discussed:

- the draft variation is currently with government prior to its release for comments and submissions (scheduled for late May 2011)
- expected to contain clearer rules regarding development in RZ2 areas
- TAMS engineering standards – project has commenced – review to be completed over 12 months. Noted that some engineering standards are not consistent with national / local government standards which has a cost impact for the ACT (housing affordability)

b) ACTPLA / ACT Government planning structure and composition – update with particular comment on strategic/policy functions (Hamish Sinclair)

Noted update:

- ACTPLA to be part of new Sustainable Development Directorate which will also include climate change and environment, water, energy, transport, heritage and transport policy – as well as the Government Architect and support for the Conservator of Flora and Fauna
- New *One Government* directorate structure to come into effect from 1 July 2011; the Chief Minister has announced David Papps as the Director-General of the Sustainable Development Directorate (copy of media release at: <http://www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=10577>)

c) Other issues

Master plans program – refer to speech by Minister for Planning, Andrew Barr MLA: <http://www.andrewbarr.com.au/story/development-priority-list-master-plans>

Signs on blocks – legislation proposed by the government will require builders to attach a sign where development is proposed (to include details of works, and contact details for developer and certifier). The signs will allow neighbours to obtain information about an exempt development (which has not required a DA and therefore publicly not notified) from the developer/lessee or the building certifier.

4. Next PDF meeting

Tuesday 7 June 2011 at 4.30pm.

Please forward any agenda items for the meeting to Ros Davey at: rosslyn.davey@act.gov.au

Proposed meeting dates for the balance of 2011:

Tuesday 2 August 2011

Tuesday 1 November 2011

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