

**MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2003**

**PRESENT:** As per attendance sheet.

**APOLOGIES:** Barry Dee, Ian Ruecroft and Mark Loney

Roma Hosking welcomed people. She explained that Barry Dee, the President, is overseas; Ian Ruecroft, who was to Chair the meeting, was unable to attend, and that she would Chair the meeting this evening.

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2003 were circulated.

**MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2003 be accepted.**

Proposed: Shirley Goodall    Seconded: Jonathon Reynolds    CARRIED

**ACTIONS OUTSTANDING**

The action items were not addressed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no Treasurer's Report available but Roma reported that the unspent money from the Social Capital Fund had been recalled, despite there being three applications in hand.

**NORTHBOURNE AVENUE**

Due to the inconsistent and therefore dangerous speed restrictions along Northbourne Avenue between Antill Street to Flemington Road, with numerous turn-offs and no right turning lane into Swindon Street, Mark Loney (via a verbal request to Roma Hosking) suggested the following motions be considered.

**MOTION 2: That the GCC write to Urban Services recommending that the speed on Northbourne Avenue between Antill Street to Flemington Road become a consistent 70 kph.**

Proposed: Roma Hosking    Seconded: Lloyd Walker    CARRIED

**MOTION 3: That the GCC write to Urban Services to recommend they put on their forward plan extension for Northbourne Avenue, three lanes instead of two lanes each way, between Antill Street and Flemington Road.**

Proposed: Roma    Seconded Lloyd Walker    CARRIED

**SPATIAL PLAN**

Roma advised that Ian Ruecroft has been attending PALM meetings re the Spatial Plan. Since the last meeting PALM have published an Update on the Internet and under the title "The Future Growth of Canberra" there are three models put forward:

*Model 1: Maintain existing policy and trends (i.e. complete Gungahlin)*

- Complete development in areas already identified, consistent with current urban development and residential planning policies.

*Model 2: Contained Growth*

- Complete development in areas already identified
- No further greenfields development
- Concentrate residential redevelopment in strategic locations particularly inner areas, but not in heritage areas
- Identify “brownfields” (like the Kingston Foreshore project) for successful redevelopment opportunities

*Model 3: Expanded Growth*

- Complete development in areas already identified
- Focus urban development in potential new areas: such as Stromlo and Kowen

The latter model should be of great concern to Gungahlin residents if areas such as Stromlo and Kowen are developed to the detriment of Gungahlin, especially before the present Town Centre has been developed to a suitable stage. Roma had contacted Lincoln Hawkins from PALM to ask if he or an appointee would speak to tonight’s or next month’s meeting. The notice was too short for anyone to attend this evening, but Roma was assured that someone will speak to the above paper at the next meeting in May. PALM also advised that it will be conducting workshops towards the end of May.

Greg Cornwell and Vicki Dunne from the ACT Legislative Assembly were present and participated in discussion regarding Canberra’s growth; the increase in population of Watson; future land releases; how Canberra’s projected building growth may not be viable for the limited population, and the importance of an efficient road network. There is a need for a sensible overview and a creative plan. This discussion will be continued at next month’s Public Meeting, with more information available.

**GOLD CREEK HOMESTEAD**

Roma reminded people that there is a meeting tomorrow evening, 10 April, from 7.30-9.30pm to discuss progress on the future of the Gold Creek Homestead.

**COMMUNITY IT ADVISORY GROUP**

The GCC had today received an email inviting members to become part of the Community IT Advisory Group. This involves Group members in being primarily involved in community consultation as they are required to convey the information technology access and training needs of the community. Mark Loney has indicated to Roma that he is willing to be nominated to this Group and an information pack has been requested.

**MOTION 4: That Mark Loney be nominated to the Community IT Advisory Group pending further advice and information.**

**Proposed: Roma Hosking      Seconded: Lloyd Walker      CARRIED**

## **GUEST SPEAKER – GRAHAM HORN**

Graham Horn introduced himself as a representative from the North Canberra Community Council and explained that the Council is concerned about the ACT Government's decision to build the Gungahlin Drive Extension to the Eastern alignment. He is attending our meeting to argue on behalf of people who are interested in the GDE from the point of view of what it will do to the inner Canberra area. He said that the North Canberra Community Council has been arguing for the past 18 years for the Western alignment. He provided maps showing the agreed Eastern alignment and suggested that the Western alignment shown would be preferable for many reasons, e.g. protecting bushland, easier access for AIS athletes who want to train in the adjacent bushland; less noise for AIS; and less likelihood of accidents with kangaroos. He suggested the GCC and Gungahlin residents get together to support the Western alignment.

There was some concurrence with Graham's argument, but on the whole it was agreed that Gungahlin residents just want the road built, without any further procrastination as to alignment. Although the planning process may not take much longer to re-plan for a Western alignment, the political process involved would be very lengthy and Gungahlin residents do not want to wait any longer. Vicki Dunne suggested that, without any further delays, it would be at least July 2004 before the agreed GDE extension is commenced.

Roma thanked Graham for his presentation and for (in his opinion) wanting the best road option for Gungahlin. She then briefly outlined the process to date and said that Gungahlin residents will be angry and disappointed if the GDE does not go forward with good and efficient roadworks in the shortest time possible.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***Gungahlin Town Square***

Shirley Goodall, on behalf of the GCC, has been conducting a survey at the Gungahlin Marketplace which has shown that 90% of the people questioned have indicated a preference for a Town Square as opposed to a through-road. As Minister Corbell has recently rejected the petitions tabled in the Assembly by Helen Cross and said that the original plan would be adhered to, Shirley asked "where to from here?"

A discussion of ideas followed on how to increase the chances of having a Town Square built and these included targeting the shopkeepers, property developers and local businesses. Greg Cornwell suggested that we contact the Gungahlin Development Authority to ascertain exactly what are their reasons for not wanting a Town Square. The GDA ceases to exist on 1 July 2003 and it is felt that they feel they are committed and cannot make a U-turn at this time even if it is what the majority of the Gungahlin residents would prefer.

**ACTION 1: Vicki Dunne agreed to ask Minister Simon Corbell how many letters he had received, and for the comments made in the letters regarding the Town Square option.**

**MOTION 5: The GCC will write to the Gungahlin Development Authority asking them to disclose their official objections to not having a Town Square, so that the GCC may know them and address them.**

**Proposed: Lloyd Walker    Seconded: Jonathon Reynolds    CARRIED**

Vicki Dunne reminded the meeting that PALM still has to approve anything put to it by the GDA.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Roma thanked Greg Cornwell and Vicki Dunne for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next meeting 14 May 2003.

## ACTIONS

Action No.	Action	Actionee	Status
1-9/4/03	Ask Minister Corbell how many letters he had received, and for the comments made in the letters regarding the Town Square option.	Vicki Dunn	
1-12/3/03	Telephone Sue Pym to find out if the Melbourne consultants' visit will coincide with a GCC public meeting and whether they would be able to provide a presentation.	Barry Dee	
2-12/3/03	Contact Tony Sadler from Epic to see if he is available to speak at the April meeting.	Ian Ruecroft	

## MOTIONS

Motion No.	Motion	Proposer	Seconder	Status
1-9/4/03	That the Minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2003 be accepted.	Shirley Goodall	Jonathon Reynolds	
2-9/4/03	That the GCC write to Urban Services recommending that the speed on Northbourne Avenue between Antill Street to Flemington Road become a consistent 70 kph.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
3-9/4/03	That the GCC write to Urban Services to recommend they put on their forward plan extension for Northbourne Avenue, three lanes instead of two lanes, between Antill Street and Flemington Road.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
4-9/4/03	That Mark Loney be nominated to the Community IT Advisory Group pending further advice and information.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
5-9/4/03	The GCC will write to the Gungahlin Development Authority asking them to disclose their official objections to not having a Town Square, so that the GCC may know them and address them.	Lloyd Walker	Jonathon Reynolds	
1-12/3/03	That the Minutes of the meeting held 12/2/03 be accepted.	Jonathon Reynolds	Ian Ruecroft	
2-12/3/03	That the Treasurer's report be accepted.	Shirley Goodall	Maben Douglass	
3-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to Action Buses asking for an increase in the number of bus shelters in the area.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
4-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the Action Buses asking them to consider installing the old-style concrete bus shelters in preference to other designs which fail to give adequate protection and which suffer from frequent vandalism.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
5-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to request that the Government considers the vacant office space available in Gungahlin when considering future relocation of ACT Public Servants.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	
6-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to express dissatisfaction with the decreased number of ACTAB staff now moving to Gungahlin.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	

<b><i>Incomplete motion actions brought forward</i></b>				
2-12/2/03	Barry Dee will prepare letter of support to be sent on behalf of the Gungahlin Community Council to the Weston, Tuggeranong and Woden Community Councils. The content will be discussed with the Gungahlin Community Council Executive prior to sending.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	In train
5-12/2/03	That the Gungahlin Community Council write to the ACT Treasurer and Minister for Business, Ted Quinlan, and ask that Gungahlin be looked at for the next allocation of offices from Civic to this area provided the Govt revises its focus around the airport precinct which at present is to the detriment of Gungahlin.	Jonathon Reynolds	Peter Coggan	In train