

MINUTES OF THE GUNG AHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

14 April 2004

1. The Vice-President, Roma Hosking, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.
2. **Attendance:** Those present are registered on the attendance sheet (a total of 19 people). Apologies were recorded for Barry Dee, Stephen Gray and Mark Loney.
3. The **minutes of the March meeting** were accepted (moved: Roma Hosking, seconded: Jonathon Reynolds.)
4. **Business arising from the minutes:**

(a) Item 4 (7e): Coles development at the Gungahlin Town Centre.

Ms Hosking informed the meeting that Simon Corbell, Minister for Planning, has used his call-in powers to allow the Coles development to proceed, with residential units on the ground floor on the eastern side.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council write to the Chief Minister and the Minister for Planning, with copies to all sitting members for the Molonglo and Brindabella electorates, to reiterate support for the Coles development in most of its aspects, but to express dissatisfaction with the ground-floor residential development being allowed through the use of the Minister's call-in powers, especially as there appears to be no timeframe for reversion from residential to commercial use in the future; and to seek an explanation of how and when this reversion will be enforced. (moved: Ian Ruecroft, seconded: Kevin Cox; passed without dissent)

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council also write to Coles and expressing dissatisfaction with the concept to have ground-floor residential development in their complexes in Gungahlin Town Centre, outlining again the reasons for this dissatisfaction. (moved: Lisa Logue, seconded: Peter Coggan; passed without dissent)

(b) Item 4 (7d): A public forum will be held on Thursday 15 April, at 5.30 pm at the Gungahlin Lakes Club to gather ideas for the future of Gold Creek Homestead. Eleven hectares have been designated for community use at the site, and the importance of community interest and input was stressed, to ensure that the site does not go to a developer for a use that does not allow for community access.

(c) Item 8: Roma Hosking reported on enquiries she has made following last meeting's discussion with Helen Cross about the provision of radiation therapy for cancer patients in Canberra. It appears that the situation is less dire than it has been: while some people still go interstate, the waiting lists are closer to 'acceptable' and a liaison officer has been appointed to assist patients with administrative etc arrangements.

5. **Finances:** The Treasurer, Emma Prezzi informed the meeting that —the Gungahlin Community Council account has \$9668 on 31 March, with a \$390 deposit to be credited and a \$2575 cheque to be presented since then, leaving an actual balance in hand of \$7483, including a grant received some years ago for production of book about the Gold Creek Homestead. The book is nearly complete and is due to be published in about July.

Follow-up action (Emma Prezzi with Roma Hosking): check on any other funds due in or out of the account, and determine the conditions of the Gold Creek Homestead book, e.g. what happens to the proceeds of its sale?

—the Gungahlin Community Council Hall account: no statement available today.

6. **Gungahlin Skateboard Park**
Mr Matt Chamberlain, Acting Chair of the Canberra Skateboarding Association, sought the Council's support in lobbying the government for a shade structure at the Gungahlin Skateboard Park, at least equivalent to those at other Canberra skateboard parks.

MOTION: That the Gungahlin Community Council write to relevant Ministers to support the Canberra Skateboarding Association's request for a shade structure. (moved: Matt Chamberlain, seconded: Rob van Heuzen; passed without dissent; Matt Chamberlain to provide details to Roma Hosking)

7. **Gungahlin Drive Extension**

After considerable discussion on this topic, the meeting agreed by consensus on the formation of an action group to explore and implement ways of making heard a Gungahlin voice urging that work on the GDE proceed without delay. Suggested strategies included:

- (a) a letter-writing campaign, based on a form letter to the Chief Minister (Roma Hosking provided about 100 copies of this for distribution)
- (b) a special edition of Gunsmoke (availability of funds permitting): this could not only publicise action plans and encourage participation, it could also seek campaign volunteers and financial contributions
- (c) a rally of Gungahlin residents, possibly at the Gungahlin Marketplace
- (d) car bumper stickers, perhaps with a numbering system to allow for random prizes (along the lines of the 'Black Thunder' program, and possibly with the support of a local radio station)
- (e) tree planting along Gungahlin Drive (perhaps in spring)
- (f) Civil disobedience e.g. blockading selected areas in suburbs
- (g) Establishing a headquarters somewhere (a 'bunker') and organising a 24-hour vigil there.

Items (a) and (b) were formally endorsed through two **motions passed by the meeting:**

—letter writing campaign (moved: Roma Hosking, seconded: Shirley Goodall; passed without dissent)

—special Gunsmoke if funds permit (moved: Ian Rucroft, seconded: Lisa Logue; passed without dissent and with one abstention)

Action group members: Matthew Chamberlain, Peter Coggan (chair), Kevin Cox, Lisa Logue, Jonathon Reynolds, Ian Rucroft, Rob van Heuzen, Helen Wilson.

8. **Other business**

(a) Peter Coggan reported on a success achieved recently through the Canberra International Airport Air Noise Abatement Committee at its March meeting. From 10 June 2004, Air Services Australia will direct all aircraft to fly further north and to climb higher more quickly, with the expected result being less noise over the northern suburbs.

Mr Coggan was thanked for his work on this issue.

(b) Roma Hosking thanked Jonathon Reynolds for his work in updating the Council's web site (www.gcc.asn.au)

(c) **MOTION:** That the Council arrange a 'Meet the Candidates' session for its public meeting on the second Wednesday in October, and invite all candidates for seats representing Gungahlin in the ACT elections to attend, to outline their positions and respond to questions from community members. (moved: R Hosking, seconded: J Reynolds; passed without dissent)

Action needed: book a larger room for this meeting; and invite candidates well in advance.

This meeting will follow the publication in Gunsmoke of candidates' responses to a list of issues of concern to the Gungahlin community (list to be in June (?) Gunsmoke).

(d) Suggestions for future meetings: invite a representative from the LDA to discuss development activities in Gungahlin; invite Katie Gallagher to discuss education in Gungahlin, especially any plans for a secondary college.

(e) Roma Hosking informed the meeting that Barry Dee will not be standing for the position of President at the Council's AGM on 11 August. She invited anyone interested in this position to contact her or Mr Dee to find out more about it.

9. Ms Hosking closed the meeting at about 9.10pm.