

MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY, 2002

Due to the President, Ian Ruecroft, being on leave, Barry Dee kindly agreed to Chair the meeting and declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Apologies

Ian Ruecroft

Minutes of the last meeting (13/3/02)

Minutes of the last meeting (12 June) were circulated and accepted.

MOTION: That the Minutes from the meeting of 12/06/02 be accepted.

Proposed: Lloyd Walker **Seconded:** Julie Brodrick **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Report

Not available.

President's Report

No report available due to Ian Ruecroft being on leave.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Anne McGrath, CEO, Gungahlin Development Authority

Anne McGrath provided a presentation on the new "Pilot Government Land Development Project ", Yerribi Stage 2, which will consist of about 200 high quality dwelling units with high density housing around the lakefront. She outlined the background to this development and showed plans for its proposed layout. Various schemes are being worked through before the lodgment of the implementation plan. Once this is agreed the plan will be re-presented to the community for final comment.

Barry Dee thanked Anne for the interesting and informative presentation and for keeping us up to date on this project.

Simon Corbell, MLA

Simon Corbell thanked the GCC for providing him with the opportunity to attend the meeting to bring people up to date on the proposed Gungahlin Drive Extension (GDE). He explained the process to date and said that the Government had recently agreed upon the western alignment as the preferred option, which would be built in accordance with the budget set aside by the previous Government. The Government had recently circulated a pamphlet to all northern suburb households outlining the proposed route and providing details of public information sessions, which he encouraged everyone to attend to bring forward ideas, in order for the Government to gain feedback from the community.

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has raised concerns re air pollution if the road takes the western route, however Simon Corbell said that this might also have been a problem for them with the previously proposed eastern alignment. Although studies on the air, noise, environment and engineering have already been carried out, the Terms of Reference for a joint Government/AIS study on the impact of air pollution on the AIS have been agreed. Simon said that all relevant information in regard to the GDE is available on the ACT Government website (which is also linked to the GCC website).

If there seems to be no resolution following the joint study, all options will be considered including building along the eastern alignment. Other roadworks are under construction, e.g. Horsepark Drive (eventually going through to the Federal Highway and Majura Road), which will relieve some of the pressure on Northbourne Avenue. He also mentioned that bus fares have been halved for the area.

David Bagnall, representing The Ridge group, said that the western route was the most favoured by them and he was confident that the AIS criticisms were ill-founded.

Concern was expressed to Simon about a single lane rather than a dual carriageway being built due to lack of finance, and Simon agreed to explore options before construction commenced to see if he could bring forward additional funding through subsequent budget processes to enable the building of the other two lanes at the same time.

In answer to a question about the bottlenecks which form on William Slim Drive, Simon said that Urban Services have a date for commencement of its duplication, and he would try to establish when this is due to happen and get back to the GCC with the information.

Simon agreed that there is a large Aboriginal Land Claim by some of the Ngunnawal people over the central area of Canberra, but this should be able to be resolved.

Jonathon Reynolds asked if Simon could organize a tour of the western alignment and Simon agreed to look into this possibility and will get back to the GCC about it.

Barry Dee thanked Simon for attending the meeting and providing an update on the GDE, and for addressing the many questions raised.

Gungahlin Community Council survey

Julie Brodrick provided details of a proposed 1000 person survey the GCC is hoping to carry out shortly. The questions will be:

Question 1: Do you live in Gungahlin?

Question 2: What do you think are the 3 most important issues at this time of Gungahlin's development?

A college
Employment
Aged Care Facilities
Public transport
Road networks
Child care facilities
Community facilities

Town Centre focus
Variety of shops
Sporting facilities
Youth facilities
Other

Question 3: Do you support the proposal of a light rail link from Civic to Gungahlin?

Question 4: What do you think are the 3 most important areas needing road works?

- A) Duplication of Flemington Rd at EPIC
- B) Horsepark Dr from Amaroo to Majura Rd
- C) Duplication of Gundaroo Dr (Gungahlin Dr to the Barton Hwy)
- D) Upgrade of the Barton Hwy Round-a-bout
- E) Duplication of William Slim Drive to Ginninderra Drive
- F) The Gungahlin Drive Extension
- G) The road from Magnet Mart to the Raiders Club
- H) Other

X) Note: The extension to Anthony Rolfe to Flemington Dr is in progress

Question 5: Would you prefer

- 1) The current street arrangement as shown in figure 1 or
- 2) The Town Square proposal as shown in figure 2?

This survey will be distributed after the Public Meeting. The Executive will discuss which graphics should be included.

GCC Membership fee

Barry Dee encouraged people to attend the AGM on 14 August, and in accordance with the GCC Constitution attendees will be asked to pay the agreed \$2.00 membership fee.

Social Capital Projects

Flower Festival: Neither Barry Dee, nor Anne McGrath had progressed with the actions from the last meeting but will do so as quickly as possible.

Ngunnawal Bus Stop

Elsie Sparks brought to the Council's attention the fact that Action have moved a bus stop which used to be near her home, and not in front of any houses, to directly in front of her home. The vibration and noise from the buses is causing a great deal of discomfort to her and to her husband, who is not well, and she asked what could be done. She has contacted Action Buses, and the appropriate Ministers but has received no satisfaction and from them. After some discussion and numerous suggestions, it was proposed that the GCC would write to the appropriate Minister on behalf of Mr & Mrs Sparks.

MOTION: That the GCC write on behalf of Mr & Mrs Sparks to the appropriate Minister regarding the discomfort the relocated bus stop is causing, copying the letter to Bill Wood and Vicky Dunne.

PROPOSED: Julie Brodrick

SECONDED: Shirley Goodall

CARRIED

Gold Creek Homestead

A newspaper article appeared in early May re the Gold Creek Homestead, and the Government has renewed consultation with the community. Although there has been only one gathering so far another will be held shortly. An investigation is being carried out to evaluate the property for repairs and ongoing maintenance, and the cost of removing onsite contamination, etc. An article will appear in *Gunsmoke* canvassing what people would like to see done with the site. Information is available via the GCC website and the community is encouraged to send emails or write with suggestions.

Audrey Guy again asked about the process of electing committee members. Julie advised they were appointed at last year's Annual General Meeting and most people continue on from year to year in their specialised fields. The committee is not connected to the GCC other than the GCC having an elected member attend the meetings.

Speed Limits

Dudley Horscroft queried the speed limit on Mirrabai Drive and Gundaroo Road as they are not clearly marked. Terry Shaw commented that the signposts are often vandalised/knocked down and not reported. After discussion it was agreed that the GCC write to the appropriate department to have the situation clarified.

MOTION: That the GCC write to Urban Services requesting that speed limits on Gundaroo Road and Mirrabai Drive be clearly marked as 80kph.

PROPOSED: Dudley Horscroft **SECONDED:** Mary Smith **CARRIED**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- There is presently a delay of 3 months for families wanting to use the newborn and young child care facilities at the Ngunnawal Community Centre. Terry Shaw agreed to provide an article for the next issue of *Gunsmoke* to raise people's awareness of this problem.
- Contact details for reporting failed street lights and damaged road signs were discussed and advised.
- Anne McGrath asked if people had noticed an improvement in the traffic along Flemington Road since the installation of load limiting signs. It was agreed there had been some improvement.
- Many of the trees which had been planted along Gundaroo Road, have died. It was agreed that the GCC would write to Canberra Urban Parks and Places to maintain the area and replant the dead trees.

MOTION: That the GCC write to CUPPS requesting that the dead trees be replaced.

PROPOSED: Terry Shaw **SECONDED:** Jonathon Reynolds **CARRIED**

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next Meeting

The next Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 August 2002.

MOTIONS

Motion	Proposer	Second
That the Minutes from the meeting of 12/6/02 be accepted.	Lloyd Walker	Julie Brodrick
That the GCC write on behalf of Mr & Mrs Sparks to the appropriate Minister regarding the discomfort the relocated bus stop is causing, copying the letter to Bill Wood and Vicky Dunne.	Julie Brodrick	Shirley Goodall
That the GCC write to Urban Services requesting that speed limits on Gundaroo Road and Mirrabei Drive be clearly marked as 80kph.	Dudley Horscroft	Mary Smith
That the GCC write to CUPPS requesting that the dead trees be replaced.	Terry Shaw	Jonathon Reynolds

ACTIONS / REMINDERS

Action	Actionee
Explore options before construction of GDE commences to see if the Govt can bring forward additional funding through subsequent budget processes to enable the building of the a four lane road rather than the two presently suggested.	Simon Corbell
Arrange a tour of the western alignment of the GDE and get back to the GCC with details.	Simon Corbell
Collection of \$2 for membership of GCC per the Constitution	Shirley Goodall ?
Pursue ideas for planting of flowers in Town Centre	Anne McGrath / Barry Dee
Article for <i>Gunsmoke</i> re 3 month delay in child care facility at Ngunnawal Community Centre	Terry Shaw