

## YRA Committee - Minutes of Meeting held 27th April 2006

Meeting opened 8.00pm

**Present:** Mac West, Sue Banks, Les Landau

**Apologies:** Mike Roarty, Hugh Campbell

**Minutes of last meeting** to be accepted. Moved Mac West, seconded Sue Banks.

### **Matters arising from the minutes**

- **Waterskiing on the lake.**

An email regarding the status of the Water-skiing trial in East Basin and other powerboat issues was received and circulated to the membership. However, this response did not address future powerboat plans at all, and so Mac will write to follow this up and report back.

- **Community Representation.**

Sue will meet with Di Johnstone and then write to the Community Engagement Unit to see how Yarralumla can gain a voice as part of an Inner South representation.

- **Filing**

Mac to go through his electronic filing and detail the standards the committee should adopt in filing electronically, so that at the end of the term the files are easy to merge.

### **Correspondence.**

In Di Johnstone re: NCA reviewing Adelaide Ave heights

In NCA Capital21 Newsletter

In Ann Gugler Stirling Park

### **Other business.**

- **Embassy Motel Development.**

We received an email from Di Johnstone, outlining proposed changes that the NCA (National Capital Authority) was considering for buildings along Adelaide Avenue. The NCA has received a DCP (Development Control Plan) application from the proposed developer of the Embassy Motel site, and are now looking at reviewing height provisions along Adelaide Avenue.

Some of the questions we have are:

- Will this include the flats on the Yarralumla side of Adelaide Ave?
- What is the follow-on effect to the Deakin shops, the soccer club and the Gallery?
- What are the sites they are looking at?

Di's email (in part) is:

*"The NCA has provided the following advice today:*

*The NCA has agreed to take a strategic approach and review the height provisions of the DCP for a number of sites fronting Adelaide Avenue including the Embassy Motel site. It has also agreed to undertake public consultation before making a decision on the new changes proposed to the DCP.*

*I have asked the NCA the following questions and am awaiting a reply*

- *How residents will be formally advised of this process (will there be a newspaper ad or something similar?)*
- *When we can expect to hear (when should we look for the formal notification?)*
- *and how the process will be conducted (so that we are prepared for it)*

*Deakin residents have, of course, done quite a bit of work on the Embassy Motel site issue but there is now a much larger issue of other sites under NCA controls along Adelaide Avenue, which is the national processional route.*

*We need to get the message about the NCA review out to other residents and environmental groups (given the issue of significant national vistas) who have an interest in Adelaide Avenue. It would be very helpful if you could also use your own contacts to pass this message on to anyone who you expect would have an interest."*

Sue Banks will write a letter to the NCA following up on the questions asked by Di Johnstone, and expressing our interest and concern. We should seek a joint public meeting with the YRA, Deakin Residents Association and the NCA to discuss this.

- **Brickworks precinct.**

Mac to follow-up the status of development proposals in Hutchins St and report back.

- **Stirling Park.**

We received an email from Ann Gugler regarding Stirling Park, as it was brought to her attention that there may be some action going on there. Some of her email is:

*"Stirling Ridge is an important women's area and has burials, mourning tree, cursing tree [and more] on it.*

*To date the proposals seem to be concerned only with the north side of the lake but it is probably only a matter of time before attention is turned to the south side.*

*The decision to choose Stirling Ridge as a site for a future PM's lodge was taken around 1999 - 2000. In the 1970s this area, along with Attunga Point and Collins Park were all put forward as possible sites for a PM's lodge. For a number of reasons the final site chosen at that time was Attunga Point.*

*On Burley Griffin's early plans the ridge was the site for a governor general's place, but this idea was shelved when they decided to keep Yarralumla House for the GGs.*

*The lower part of the Ridge into the area of The Gap was set aside in that plan for Stirling Park.*

*The eastern end of the park was designated in 2000 or a little earlier as Section 128 - to be developed. The remaining section of the park is still Section 22 but it too is no longer a park but land set aside for a new PM's residence."*

Ann had written to us some months back about similar concerns, and at the time we were reassured that nothing was actually being planned (see Minutes of YRA Committee Meeting for 16 June 05). Thanks Ann for keeping us all informed, we will try to find out if there are any current plans for the area that we are not aware of.

- **School Closures.**

In the light of the current ACT Government proposals to close some schools, Sue Banks will write to the Government to ask about proposed closures and the consultation process.

- **Public Housing.**

There is some concern that public housing stock is diminishing in Yarralumla, and the YRA committee will seek a meeting with ACT Housing to discuss the current state and future intentions regarding Public Housing stock in Yarralumla. Les Landau to organize a meeting with John Hargreaves office or similar.

**Meeting closed 9.15pm**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May