

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3 November 2022 6.30pm – 8.30 pm

McDonald Room, Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley Street Griffith

DRAFT MINUTES:

Meeting Opened 6.30pm

1. Welcome & Acknowledgement:

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and paid our respects to the Elders past and present.

The President welcomed Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA representing the ACT Govt in the audience, Marea Fatseas representing ISCCC, Guest speakers Albert Oberdorf-Canberra Planning Action Group, Howard Maclean-Greater Canberra, Dr Emma Campbell ACTCOSS, and all members and guests.

Apologies: Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Gary Kent, Dale and Gary Moriarty, Jim Shonk, Stephen Mills, Barbara Moore.

There were 27 in attendance (counting guest speakers). There may have been some who missed being signed in.

2. Presentations, followed by Panel discussion:

THE CRISIS OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN CANBERRA – AN OVERVIEW (Albert Oberdorf, Canberra Planning Action Group)

Key points included:

- In last several years a large amount of public housing has been sold as part of the public asset renewal program. Over 3 years the money was diverted into Light Rail.
- The number of public houses in Canberra in 2021 is less than what we had in 2012.
- The number of people who tried to get public housing has increased dramatically.
- The average waiting time to get public housing is 4.2 years.
- We now need to do some serious thinking about housing. No one has done anything about ACT Housing Strategy.
- There are a huge number of people in Canberra who need housing. Selling housing to afford light rail is not the way to go.

Albert's paper is available at the link below:

[THE CRISIS OF SOCIAL HOUSING IN CANBERRA – AN OVERVIEW \(canberraplanningactiongroup.com\)](https://canberraplanningactiongroup.com)

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Howard Maclean Greater Canberra group)

- Many different forms of a housing crisis

- We have a social and public housing crisis, a private rental affordability crisis, a private rental vacancy crisis. Private rent is very expensive in Canberra compared to other States. We have a lot of apartments and a lot of large detached houses and not very much in between.
- Canberra is a rich city that makes itself poor due to housing affordability
- ACT Housing needs to build one house per working day for the next 10 years to keep up with housing demand.
- ACT only has a limited amount of land. Changing zoning is one of the easiest ways to deliver enough housing. Litigation is a problem. It is very difficult for any provider to provide social housing without attracting litigation (e.g. ACAT). Griffith proposals were noted.
- Market housing is the majority of housing. The majority of young people are still private renters. The conditions in the private rental market are important especially for low incomer earners.
- High housing cost is one of the major causes of poverty and homelessness in the ACT.
- The best way to address issues is to allow more housing.
- Auckland, NZ recognised this problem in 2016 and rezoned land to allow for more housing construction. In Auckland the housing prices barely increased from 2016 to 2022. This was a huge increase in discretionary incomes and well-being in the city. Auckland did not create high density accommodation but medium density accommodation.
- Greater Canberra was created very much based on Auckland's experience of building more townhouses.

Howard Maclean's presentation is available at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSOpY87jJ9QFFnGTq108AZv_tEERkr779xWNCwQgWvVvTkl2P_8kCKI5VZhsyyB-CYqGtZvY7NBllQqM/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=60000

EAST LAKE URBAN RENEWAL AREA (Richard Johnston, KBRG)

KBRG put in a submission some time ago. The main points included:

1. respecting its proximity to Jerrabomberra Wetlands,
2. a mix of housing types and private and social housing,
3. best practice sustainable and climate resilient planning and development,
4. generous and well-located open space and a very high level of tree canopy cover,
5. an appropriate range of community facilities to service itself and the broader area,
6. being well-connected to the surrounding areas and the public transport system,
7. respecting the historic significance of the site and the heritage assets within it.

The Panel discussion largely focussed on the need to address increased housing and the interests of various stakeholders. In addition to earlier speakers Dr Emma Campbell participated on behalf of ACTCOSS. ACTCOSS is supportive of salt and peppering of social and public housing amongst market housing in all areas and is very supportive of dense housing if this allows people on low incomes to live near support and services.

3. AGM Business

- Apologies: Rebecca Vassarotti MLA, Gary Kent, Dale and Gary Moriarty, Jim Shonk, Stephen Mills, Barbara Moore.

- Endorsement of 2021 AGM Minutes (circulated) Moved Nick Swain, Seconded Rita Parker. Carried.

- President's report (attached) The President read through the main headings of his report as circulated. Richard Johnston moved that the Presidents report be accepted. Seconded Nick Swain. Carried

- A/g Treasurer's report (audited financial statements for 2021/22. The A/g Treasurer summarised the report as circulated. Richard Johnston moved that the report be accepted. Sharon Blight seconded. Carried.

2019/20 – Treasurer's report (audited financial statements for 2019/20).as circulated. The A/g Treasurer explained that the statement had previously been approved by an AGM without the audit statement. The audit statement was now available, however, the ACT Government required us to present the report to another general meeting. Richard Johnston moved the report be accepted. Nick Swain Seconded. Carried.

- Election of Committee (nominations by financial members accepted at the meeting): 4 office-bearers: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary;5 ordinary committee members.

The following nominations were received:

President: Richard Johnston, Nominated Kathie Potts, Seconded Peter Moore

Secretary: Kathie Potts, Nominated Richard Johnston, Seconded Peter Moore

Ordinary Member: Brian Binning, Nominated Richard Johnston, Seconded Janet Hughes

Ordinary Member: Janet Hughes, Nominated Kathie Potts, Seconded Richard Johnston

Ordinary Member: Peter Moore, Nominated Barb Moore, Seconded Kathie Potts

Ordinary Member: Nick Swain, Nominated Richard Johnson, Seconded Peter Moore

The above nominees were declared elected without the need for a vote.

The position of Vice President and one Ordinary Member position remain vacant. Richard Johnston volunteered to continue on as the Acting Treasurer.

- Other Business: Peter Moore noted that we had been successful in helping to prevent some vulnerable people in social housing in the area from being relocated.

- Votes of Thanks: Rita Parker acknowledged the work of Richard and Barb Moore in relation to supporting the arguments presented to ACAT.

Marea Fatseas thanked the KBRG Committee and Community for their work

Richard Johnston acknowledged John Mitchell who was stepping down from the Committee but continuing to work on the Newsletter, Peter Moore who had been Vice President in the last year but is now continuing as an ordinary member and Barb Moore who is stepping down from the Committee but has expressed interest in continuing her interest in Friends of Telopia Park.

The Guest Speakers were thanked for their presentations and being available for the panel discussion.

Meeting Closed 8.30pm