



MINUTES
Ordinary General Meeting, Tuesday 20 November 2018, 7.38pm

Present: Kevin Chamberlin, Mary Chapman, Emmy Chung, Sebastian Clark, Bill Cook, Ray Cowling, Stephen Farrugia, Janet Graham, Michael Horscroft, Jan Lacey, Jane Poynter, Duncan Rouch and John Widmer

Apologies: Nicholas Atkins, Peter Gerrand, Valerie Gerrand, Dan McDonnell, Bridget Macwhirter, Jacques Péril, Margaret Péril, Annie Rivera, Jacqueline Stevenson and Geraldine Suter

Chair Kevin Chamberlin welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were accepted.

1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings and matters arising

Moved Michael Horscroft, seconded Duncan Rouch:

That the minutes of Ordinary General Meetings held on 18 September and 16 October 2018, having been circulated by email and taken as read, be confirmed as true and correct records.

Carried.

Mary Chapman noted that rabbit control had begun in the Royal Children's Hospital grounds (discussed at item 4 on page 3 of the 16.10.18 minutes).

2. Committee report

(a) Administrative matters

The Bastow Institute had asked if we wanted to continue hiring the Dewey Common. If so, they would send a bill for next year (10 meetings).

Moved Michael Horscroft, seconded John Widmer:

That the Association continue to meet at the Bastow Institute of Educational Leadership in 2019 and that the Treasurer be authorised to make the payment.

Carried.

(b) IMPA (Inner Melbourne Planning Alliance)

IMPA was proposing to hold its Annual General Meeting — more details to come. If the NWMA wanted to continue its membership, we had to pay \$50.

Moved Jane Poynter, seconded Mary Chapman:

That we renew the NWMA's membership of IMPA for 2019 and that the Treasurer be authorised to make the payment of \$50.

Carried.

The date of the AGM would be 29 November but no venue had yet been set.

(c) Local government electoral reform

Further to item 1 of the 16.10.18 minutes, Kevin said he had sent a copy of the letter about electoral reform to the Victorian Socialists after Stephen Jolly, the party's lead candidate, had approached the NWMA at the Spring Fling. The Victorian Socialists had not been among the parties originally sent the letter.

It was noted that new issues about electoral reform were being raised quite frequently and it was suggested that we should be focusing on winnable points. There was a query about what had happened to Petro Georgiou's recommendations before the last election. Kevin and CoRBA's chair, Michael Kennedy (Residents 3000), had been called to a meeting with David Davis.

Moved Ray Cowling, seconded Jan Lacey:

That it be recorded that The Greens, the Reason Party and the Victorian Socialists had acknowledged receipt of the NWMA's letter requesting an independent review of the City of Melbourne electoral system; that the National Party, the Liberal Party and the Australian Labor Party had not responded; and that no meetings had yet been arranged with any party.

Further, this matter will be put on the agenda of the NWMA Ordinary General Meeting in February 2019.

The three responses received will be circulated to members and friends.

Carried.

3. North West Patch opening

In Bridget Macwhirter's absence Jane Poynter reported on the official opening by local MPs Adam Bandt and Ellen Sandell of the North West Patch community garden at the Meat Market on Saturday 10 November. Councillor Cathy Oke was also there as well as at least 50 supporters. Morgan Bakery donated bread rolls for the barbecue and the event raised about \$300. The well-tended state of the garden had impressed everyone — it hadn't been pruned so looked luxuriant. Adam and Ellen had both asked where in West Melbourne or North Melbourne the Patch could put more boxes.

The agreement between the Meat Market and the City of Melbourne (CoM) runs out next October. The Meat Market would then like to plant citrus trees.

The report was noted.

4. NWMA Christmas dinner, Tuesday 11 December 2018

About 12 acceptances had been received so far. RSVPs needed to be in by Thursday 29 November. The dinner is at the Albion Hotel, 171 Curzon Street, 6.30pm for 7.00pm, à-la-carte menu.

5. Reports from affiliated organisations

(a) Melbourne North Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC)

Jan Lacey reported that the PCCC hadn't met since the last Association meeting but details of the Christmas Toy and Food Drive had been released. Emmy Chung said she would post the notice on North Melbourne Primary's and University High School's past and present members lists and on the North Melbourne Good Karma Network (a residents' group) with the endorsement "Supported by North and West Melbourne Association". Donations were due by 18 December. There were two collection points in Kensington and the Commonwealth and Westpac banks in North Melbourne.

(b) Friends of Moonee Ponds Creek (FMPC)

John Widmer delivered his report for November 2018, referring to the flood that had occurred two hours ago on this day. He said it wasn't that difficult to retain water in home gardens and this should be part of the building code. There had been a significant downpour this afternoon but the creek was able to handle it. There had been 14 mm of rain in Kensington over 15 minutes. A truck without a logo had arrived and diversion signs for cyclists had been put up on the bike path.

He thought we should be able to do what other countries do, and actions like this should be formalised, taking into account future population growth with the development at Arden and elsewhere. The strategy needed to include a system to deal with flash flooding, which *would* happen, he said.

John's report was noted.

(c) CoRBA (Coalition of Resident and Business Associations)

Bill Cook reported a low attendance at the last CoRBA meeting, partly due to the Carlton venue, which didn't suit everyone. They were looking at ways to increase membership, especially by traders' groups including North & West Melbourne Precinct Association.

They had discussed differential fees for different-sized groups but even the smaller groups had said keep it the same. The main planning issues were:

(1) Queen Victoria Market: Containers were being brought into String Bean Alley. It was said that these were temporary but the fear was that they would be permanent.

(2) Protest about flight paths over East Melbourne: A protest outside Parliament House by the East Melbourne Group had been taken seriously by Lord Mayor Sally Capp.

(3) Southbank Residents Association: The group had spoken about the linear park in Southbank and had concerns about short-stay apartments. They had held a big Meet the Candidates on Tuesday 30 October with social media.

The Yarra Park Association has only one member. Ray Cowling added that a Liberal member of the East Melbourne Group was proposing to put a new oval in Yarra Park and a six-storey building.

(d) Rail Projects Victoria — Kensington & Arden Community Reference Group

Peter Gerrand had provided a written report on the Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting held on 25 October, which is summarised below.

This was the group's ninth meeting, with four representatives of residents and businesses present (two from Kensington Association) and six staff members from Rail Projects Victoria (RPV), four from the Cross Yarra Partnership (CYP) and two from the Rail Infrastructure Alliance, plus Karen Snyders from CoM — a satisfying ratio of 4:13 from the resident and business reps' perspective. Vince Haining was the independent chair.

The heat of earlier meetings had dissipated, largely, in Peter's view, because of the candid presentations by CYP engineers (and some liaison officers) and responses to points raised previously, mainly by the Kensington Association's Matt Hammond. The following matters relevant to Arden/North Melbourne were raised:

- Vince Haining asked whether workforce parking had been an issue. CYP confirmed a significant part of the workforce had been using public transport to commute to the site. CYP was also constructing an off-street carpark with additional bike parking within the Arden worksite.
- The CRG discussed program and noise modelling for tunnel boring machines (TBMs). CYP confirmed it anticipated the first TBM would commence boring in April or May 2019 and the second approximately 3–5 weeks later. Noise modelling indicates onsite TBM assembly will be low-impact. Noise modelling data for TBM operations will be presented to the CRG in early 2019.
- Matt Hammond raised engagement with apartment residents. CYP confirmed it had conducted a doorknock engagement exercise at apartments with some success. "Sorry we missed you" notices were left, encouraging residents who were not at home to contact the project team.

The chair had given Peter the opportunity to raise the following on behalf of NWMA:

"Peter Gerrand raised the legacy design for the new North Melbourne Station and commented the North West Melbourne Association (NWMA) would like the station design to explicitly reflect the area's industrial rail history. Peter suggested that explicit design elements could include murals or photo installations. The City of Melbourne and CYP confirmed that meeting the heritage requirements of the project is a priority." [Minutes of meeting]

The next meeting would be held on Thursday 6 December at 7.30am in Flemington.

Mary Chapman commented that some nice murals had been installed at Arden. She thought this might have been in response to Peter's letter written earlier to Rail Infrastructure Alliance.

(e) Rail Projects Victoria — Parkville Community Reference Group

This is the group in which Rachael Palmer is the NWMA representative. It covers the rail tunnel between the new Arden (North Melbourne) and Parkville stations. Kevin said RPV proposed to have a full-blown consultation in the new year. Meanwhile a presentation for residents was being arranged at the 'Larwill' Studio at 48 Flemington Road, Parkville, on Monday 3 December.

6. Discussion of correspondence circulated in the past month

There was no discussion.

7. General business

(a) West Melbourne Structure Plan (WMSP) — Amendment C309

The CoM had planned to present to the meeting tonight but withdrew last week. They would be holding two information sessions in the Yarra Room at Melbourne Town Hall on Monday 3 December 6.00pm – 7.30pm and Saturday 8 December 11.00am – 12.30pm.

The CoM had revised the draft document and Planning Minister Wynne had approved the final WMSP but hadn't referred it to a panel, where any changes made by him might have been incorporated. The final WMSP had gone to a Council meeting, where there were a number of objectors. Known as Amendment C309, the WMSP will be on public exhibition from 22 November to 4 February.

The public can make submissions until 4 February 2019 via www.participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/AmendmentC309. This website also gives dates and times for the rest of the process, which is still a long way from completion and may involve panel hearings. Minister Wynne has delegated the process to his department.

8. Time, date and venue of next ordinary general meeting

Tuesday 19 February 2019, 7.30pm, at the Bastow Institute, 603–615 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.