



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

Inc. No. A0094111Q

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Meeting Notes: 13th of June, 2017

Present: Mandy Baird, Chris Erlandsen, Jessica Doyle, Maria Poletti, Lori-anne Sharp, Anne Laver, Cathy Audley, Craig Walters,

Apologies: Stewart Midgley, Susan Davies, Maria Drossos, Meryl Waugh

Business Arising:

- a. Paypal account: **Action:** Craig will set up Paypal account and link it to the bank account.
- b. Web Master: **Action:** Craig to contact Brian to ask if we can buy the domain name from him and take over the administration of the website.
- c. SOS, paid the sub's. Where are the newsletters going? How will we distribute? **Action:** Craig to investigate.
- d. Second Code of Conduct complaint. Report on meeting with Acting CEO, Philip Shanahan. Letter circulated. Waiting for the documents promised. **Circulated the redacted file. Action:** Maria and Chris to follow up with CEO.
- e. Council letter to Minister to express disappointment with Better Apartment Guidelines. **Action:** Mandy to write a letter to Darebin Councilors asking them to do the same from Darebin. Also, ask if/when is Darebin going to implement the new tools to help assessment of planning applications against the standards.
- f. Does Darebin have Heritage consultant? **Action:** Chris to ask question at council.
- g. Parking and other overlays missing in Darebin. **Action:** Anne to ask "Why don't we have a car parking overlay? **Done.** Letter reply from Steve Hamilton circulated. Council do not believe it is necessary.
- h. Update on Amendment C137. **Action:** Mandy to ask a Council what they are doing to progress the matter.
- i. VPP one page index shared. To be added as an appendix to the DADA guide. **Done**
- j. Planning Backlash convened statewide rally committee: **Action:** DADA folk to be invited via email. **Done Action:** Maria to draft email asking Councilors to support. **Whoops! Apologies, not done.** Report; Being on the steps of Parliament House made it effective. Concern that the speakers and concerns were more eastern suburb focused. We did get acknowledgement from Mary Drost.
- k. The 'real' planning process in Darebin. Circulated, discussion of where to share. **Action:** Maria to add some further notes and publish on the blog. **Done**
- l. Draft analysis of planning in Darebin 2013-2016 circulated and discussed. Big thanks to writer. **Action:** Develop some questions triggered by stats, to ask at council meeting.

1. New Business:

- a. Zero bedroom apartment development at 140 Regent Street. Wrote to Mayor expressing concern and requesting it is considered at planning meeting. No reply as yet. Councilors CC'd Interview for Channel 9 news. Kathy also wrote to councilors requesting they take a closer look at this planning application.
- b. Ward meetings: Reports from participants. Generally felt Councilors were not well prepared and no record kept.
- c. Question time questions and replies, **Action:** Maria to invite Serena O' Meley and Terry Mason to July meeting. Questions regarding C137, residential zoning and comments made by a certain councilor at a ward meeting asked. See attached document for responses from the

minutes of the meeting. Encourage folk to email their questions ahead of time do that they can get a written reply in the current minutes.

- d. Ratepayers representatives meet with David Feeney, covered development issues and housing, St Georges crossing, social housing.
- e. Meetings with Councilors; Reports from those present. Some replies circulated.
- f. Amendment C137 signed off by the Minister for Planning with a six storey mandatory height and 45 degree set back. This is a very bad outcome for those who live on and near Plenty Road.
- g. Parking overlay: Anne Laver, application/submission for a parking overlay in Darebin to all council at a meeting. Steve Hamilton reply saying no regarding the parking overlay scheme for the market. Letter circulated and discussed. Restated that the car park at the rear of council will be used as a possible car park.

2. From the press:

- a. Andrews Government allows developers cram units on a blocks: state opposition <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/andrews-government-allows-developers-cram-units-on-a-blocks-state-opposition/news-story/6000baccde30c1b9248b0f4217e758dc>
- b. 7.30 report on developer donations, Monday, 12th of June.
- c. Channel Nine News, report on development in Melbourne, Tuesday, 13th of June
- d. 10 star sustainable development on the Peninsula.

3. Objector Updates:

- a. **305 Plenty Road**; VCAT decision took a very long time and the order is quite complex but the member did not rule for lower heights or refuse the application. Member Cindy Wilson did insist that she sign off on the new set of plans. We have not seen that before in an order and feel it is an indication of a lack of confidence in the council.

4. Other Business:

- a. Preston High School Master plan distributed. <http://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools/Preston-High-School.aspx>

Thursday 22 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Preston Town Hall
284 Gower Street, Preston VIC 3072

To RSVP and for further details visit the Preston High School Community Briefing event page. <https://business.facebook.com/events/298641897261466/>

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, **Tuesday the 18th of July** at 572 Plenty Road, Preston (Corner of Josephine Grove).