



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

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Meeting Notes: 18th of July, 2017

Present: Chris Erlandsen, Maria Poletti, Anne Laver, Cathy Audley, Maria Drossos, Serena O'Meley, Terry Mason, Nola Martin, Craig Walters, Sally Mendes

Apologies: Stewart Midgley, Susan Davies, Meryl Waugh, Rosalind O'Brien, Mary Dross, Jessica Doyle, John Feischi, Lori-anne Sharp

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. Update on Amendment C137. **Action:** Mandy to ask a Council what they are doing to progress the matter.
- g. 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. Serena O' Meley and Terry Mason, explained and gave an update on the DCP, Shared the varied projects they have worked on since early last year and discussed research techniques. Thank you both for all your great work and for sharing with DADA.
- b. Ratepayers petition on-line around parking waivers in planning applications on change.org. Still open, follow the link: https://www.change.org/p/darebin-council-stop-the-parking-waivers-and-lack-of-parking-in-darebin-victoria/u/20851987?utm_medium=email&utm_source=104628&utm_campaign=petition_update&sfmc_tk=YWwi2BuxSXswASeNbBvIPPC8q3IGTj2V1BMkK8m%2fP0X9lc1jyABMJU7%2fH DUchCuv&j=104628&sfmc_sub=150648091&l=32_HTML&u=20832204&mid=7259882&jb=1
State government working on legislation to redress the problem developers have created.
- c. Council Budget; submission/replies. Chris made a submission on unfair nature of distribution of budget between wards. Should be more money spent on the computer system in the planning department. Approved 2 million for new computer system. Third point was asking where the heritage adviser had gone could there be a reinstatement of a heritage adviser. Anne made submission for more CCTV cameras in Darebin, costs 1million. Increased the budget for footpath maintenance. **Action:** Maria to check the submission regarding the DCP to see if it is legal to process planning applications without.
- d. Get up conference in September;
https://powerup.org.au/ticket/?t=xw0mLUqBz&utm_content=20453&utm_campaign=10_rea_sons_to_get_excited_hint_The_Chaser_is_one_of_them_&utm_source=blast&utm_mediu

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2. From the press:

- a. Preston Market height controls; Comments can be made on the Leader facebook page.
<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/leader/north/preston-market-height-controls-proposed-master-plan-announced/news-story/7d5c4765457114851e4d527958140422>
- b. Exploding glass balconies in Melbourne apartments;
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/exploding-glass-balconies-in-melbourne-apartments-expose-faulty-building-products-20170628-gx0lwf.html>
- c. Trimmed Towers; <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/queen-victoria-market-tower-height-slashed-in-compromise-with-city-council-20170711-gx8omx.html>
- d. How trees are keeping the city cool; <http://www.theage.com.au/environment/a-warming-melbourne-may-need-to-consider-a-sydney-treechange-20170708-gx7bdz.html>
- e. Carlton goes from 'Little Italy' to 'Tiny Italy' and shrinking;
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/census-2016-results-melbourne-losing-its-italian-flavour-as-migrants-age-20170628-gx0eeb.html>
- f. Housing renewal should not entrench disadvantage;
<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/housing-renewal-shouldnt-entrench-pockets-of-disadvantage-20170620-gwunot.html>
- g. A better way forward for making Melbourne work;
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/crammed-ideas-for-dealing-with-melbournes-booming-population-growth-20170707-gx6rw1.html>
- h. Traffic chaos revealed; <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/melbourne-now-as-clogged-as-sydney-and-the-citys-northeast-has-worst-traffic-20170702-gx2zup.html>
- i. A city fraying at the edges; <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/is-melbourne-building-sprawling-outer-suburbs-destined-to-become-ghettos-20170630-gx1vyh.html>

3. Objector Updates:

- a. **22 Knox Street**; VCAT hearing, her presentation 18 pages took around 45 minutes. Kathy happy to share her work. Tom Vasalopolis was the council's representative. Member Gaschk presided.
- b. **Preston Market**: Compulsory conference, scheduled for 1 day, lasted 2 very long days with no agreement. Hearing Scheduled for August 7 days beginning 14th. All welcome for first day.

4. Other Business:

- a.

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, **Tuesday 12th of September** at 572 Plenty Road, Preston (Corner of Josephine Grove).