



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

Inc. No. A0094111Q

Web: <http://www.darebinada.org>

Meeting Notes: 10th of October, 2017

Present: Chris Erlandsen, Maria Poletti, Cathy Audley, Craig Walters, Sally Mendes, Marie Geary, Meryl Waugh, Anne Laver, Nola Martin, Anne Laver, Mandy Baird

Apologies: Stewart Midgley, Susan Davies, Mary Dross, Lori-anne Sharp, Jessica Doyle, John Fieschi

Business Arising:

- a. 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.
- b. SOS, paid the sub's. Where are the newsletters going? How will we distribute? **Action:** Craig to investigate.
- c. 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.
- d. Update on Amendment C137. **Action:** Mandy to ask a Council what they are doing to progress the matter.
- e. 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.
- f. Flooding and Council responsibility. **Action:** Craig to follow up with questions. **Done.** Craig to draft a letter requesting a meet with CEO, Mayor and Head of Planning.

1. New Business:

- a. Planning the AGM: Potential guest Clare Burns, a no from Lidia Thorpe. Meeting date **Tuesday in October the 31st**. Decided to move venue back to Plenty Road, give Clare the option of a decline or attend. **Action:** Mandy to collect platters from Costco. Craig to buy some wine, both white and red. Maria to contact Clare. Bring something sweet on a plate.
- b. Car Parking in Darebin; discussed Darebin Councils move to reduce car parking in developments and introduce parking spots on the street.

2. From the press:

- a. Developer contributions banned in Queensland;
<https://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/politics/queensland/developer-donations-to-be-banned-in-state-and-local-government-20171004-p4yw9y.html>
- b. Like Sydney, like Melbourne; http://www.thefifthstate.com.au/columns/news-from-the-front-desk/news-from-the-front-desk-issue-no-358-on-spatial-inequality-and-why-developers-and-four-year-olds-need-discipline/96024?mc_cid=3c41b83cf5&mc_eid=0219cc2ebf
- c. Council pays \$250,000 over shoddy apartment build in Brunswick East;
<https://www.domain.com.au/news/council-pays-250000-over-shoddy-apartment-build-in-brunswick-east-20171010-gyxm24/>
- d. Why investor-driven urban density is inevitably linked to disadvantage;
<https://theconversation.com/why-investor-driven-urban-density-is-inevitably-linked-to-disadvantage-82073>

- e. Darebin Council faces \$180k legal bill for fight against Preston Market apartments;
<http://www.news.com.au/national/victoria/news/darebin-council-faces-180k-legal-bill-for-fight-against-preston-market-apartments/news-story/375b5770c7da69002a065d785a9734a5>

3. Objector Updates:

- a. **Northcote;** report on two bedroom apartment development being advertised and rented as a three bedroom. Waiting for a reply from council investigations officer.
- b. **Plenty Road;** complaint to enforcement office regarding hand painted sign on building wall. Owner tenant required to remove sign in within a month. Not done with two days to go.
- c. **Horizon Building** - Arthurton Road /Herbert St/ Elm St Northcote - POD/1/2011/B. Has had a number of proposals rejected, round 4 currently underway.
- d. **152 Smith Street, Thornbury,** shared number of objectors and further strategies for achieving a rejection of the planning proposal.

4. Other Business:

- a.

Next Meeting: AGM 2017; 7.00pm, **Tuesday 31st of October** at 572 Plenty Road, Preston (Corner of Josephine Grove).