



# Darebin Appropriate Development Association

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## Meeting Notes: February 12, 2014

**Present:** Laara Eames, Sally Mendes, Marion Coffey, Keith Coffey, Maria Poletti, Rudi Anders, Paula Vender, Chris Erlandson

**Apologies:** Nola Brown, Craig Walters

### 1. Business Arising:

- a. Ask for a report of the expenditure of the developers contribution levy.  
**Action:** Bo will ask a question at council.
- b. Use of East Preston PS site discussed for consultation with Ed Dept, Sustainability Street and Darebin.  
**Action:** Craig to take to Sus. Street, talk to Josie and send a motion to Bo.
- c. VCAT has approved the Grandview application for pokies. Susan suggested a study on what happens to the local shops and impact on neighborhood character.  
**Action:** Susan to talk to Bo Li
- d. State Government; Plan Melbourne, Metropolitan Planning Strategy  
**Action:** Nola and Chris to work on a letter to the auditor general.
- e. **Action:** Craig, Robin Scott letter to ask question in parliament.
- f. **Action:** Maria to draft a letter asking councilors to ensure that our third party objector rights are not removed in the schedules.  
**Action:** put it to Darren Rudd **Action:** ask Ian Wood for his model
- g. Meeting with Council Officers from the planning department, Darren Rudd and Leah Mosel, on Monday 18 November attended by Sally, Craig, Chris, Marion, Keith, Nola and Maria.  
**Action:** Reminder to push for a much better planning registrar. When budget time comes up we should go in and bat on behalf of the planning department.
- h. Translation of DADA letter into other languages:  
**Action:** Sally to ask Roger for Chinese  
**Action:** Laara to ask for Italian,  
**Action:** Chris to ask for Greek and Italian,  
**Action:** Sally might ask Kate for Hindi.
- i. Save Our Suburbs: AGM, Craig and Maria attended. Guest Speaker: Assoc. Professor Carolyn Whitzman (Urban Planning, University of Melbourne). **Action:** Maria to write a report ( I will attach a copy of her power-point presentation to the meeting notes) AGM Report
  - Ian Wood reported that the VCAT recording service has been withdrawn. He said it may be possible to take a personal recording devise to make a recording of procedures but it is up to the presiding member to give permission to record and this is unlikely. Stay tuned for the next step in trying to get the service reinstated
- j. Emails from CEO saying deleted email without reading **Action:** Maria follow up with CEO and Mayor
- k. **Action:** Nola and Maria wrote letters about some points of fairness of the process, Nola and Maria to follow up. Email sent to Cr Greco and cc'd to Jacinta Stevens on 28/01/14. Reply was invitation to meet with Mayor and senior officers to discuss ideas re governance and processes. Keith, Marian and Maria to attend. **Meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> March. Report attached**

### 2. New Business:

- a. Planning Panels Victoria, Darebin Planning Scheme Amendments C136, C137, C138. Maria listed as rep for DADA presenting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10am, Room 2 Ground Floor, 1

Spring Street, Melbourne. Maria, Keith and Marion, Rudi and Chris presenting. Stuart listed but will not make the date. Asked if anybody would like to take his place. Chris suggested the development of Darebin Planning for the future statement.

- b. Cr Laurence Leader article, Maria posted an independent comment and then sent out a message to the network to also make comment. Discussion of the criticism that followed.

### **3. Correspondence:**

- a. Stuart Midgley: information on 660 Plenty Road application. No follow up
- b. Beverly Newland: reply to report on meeting with Philip Tulk about replacement of melaleucas suggesting follow up action of asking folk to demand a number of assurances. Replied
- c. Mark Glosser, arbourist, support for save the melalucas. Replied
- d. Paula Venter, town planner with experience at Council, VCAT and in the private sector, asking to come to January meeting. Replied no Jan meeting, invite to Feb meeting. Will keep in mind when folk ask for names of town planners.
- e. Tim Laurence, CC us 62 Oakover Rd information, including a request to revisit the decision. No action.
- f. Mary Drost, Max Jolly, Craig and Nola replied to post on Leader newspaper article.
- g. Planning Services, Amendment C138, action will be presentation in Feb.
- h. Sally sent a copy of letter reply from Mayor to Nola's letter regarding planning committee processes. Letter follow up to Mayor.
- i. Elini Kondo, I would be interested to hear from you in relation to a development on Separation St Fairfield about which I am currently "fighting" Darebin. Reply saying it isn't the sort of case we usually discuss but interested in hearing more and I don't ring mobile numbers. Email address is Hamilton Kondos?
- j. Stuart Midgley: Cannot present at Planning Panels hearing and asked if anybody would like to take his spot on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.15 for 20 mins. Craig might be interested,  
**Action:** Sally and Chris to ask
- k. Aaron Pereira, intern for The Times/Weekly looking for stories
- l. Complaint about the return receipt on my emails. Discussed the reasons why it is requested. Decided that there need be no change to current practice.
- m. Eventual reply from Phil Tulk, regarding removal of Melaleucas in Murphy Grove and burning of trees in Sylvester Grove.

### **4. Council Report:**

Expansion of the NRZ, next phase of new zoning regulation, unanimously carried  
Agreement that planning officers can refuse an application if it doesn't meet the regulations without going to the Planning Committee, unanimously carried  
Notice on web streaming of council and Planning Committee Meetings, carried

### **5. Other:**

### **6. Objector Updates:**

- a. 48 Murphy Grove, round 2, VCAT date 4<sup>th</sup> April
- b. 83 Collins Street, Planning Committee Meeting, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Emailed network council planners recommended application be refused and was by planning committee.
- c. 660 Plenty Road, for planning meeting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Planning officer recommended plans be approved, planning committee agreed. No verbal submission made by objectors.
- d. 10-12 Don Street, Reservoir VCAT date, 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **7. Strategy Ideas;**

- a. Presenting Council with a bill for work done by objectors that should have been covered by planning department
- b. DADA on-line petition and in hard copy, Maria to send Nola a hard copy for printing as well as developing the on-line petition.

### **8. Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 33 Dean Street, Preston**