



Darebin Appropriate Development Association

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Meeting Notes: March 12, 2014

Present: Laara Eames, Sally Mendes, Marion Coffey, Keith Coffey, Maria Poletti, Rudi Anders, Paula Vender, Chris Erlandson, James Dawson, Nick McCubbin, Nola Brown, Craig Walters, Stuart Midgley

Apologies:

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. 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
- c. State Government; Plan Melbourne, Metropolitan Planning Strategy
Action: Nola and Chris to work on a letter to the auditor general.
- d. **Action:** Craig, Robin Scott letter to ask question in parliament.
- e. **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
- f. 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.
- g. 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.
- h. Emails from CEO saying deleted email without reading **Action:** Maria follow up with CEO and Mayor

2. New Business:

- a. **Planning Panels Victoria, Darebin Planning Scheme Amendments C136, C137, C138.**
Maria, Marion, Keith, Rudi, Chris, Craig, George and Andrew presented. We outnumbered the developers!!! Chris attended the last day with the panel and council reps. Darebin argued that they are trying to respond to changing precincts quickly. Panel was struggling to make decisions. 800 applications for development on St Georges Road in front of Darebin at the moment alone. Discussion of industrial sites especially NCI sites. They seemed to be putting pressure on council to limit development near industrial sites. Discussion of the Glossop submission for Hallmark re 30% setback and how that affects the number of units you can cram on the block. Separation Street; another supermarket planned. Smorgies also discussed, 40% set back sought by the developers. A key comment made 'Just because you meet the standard doesn't mean you meet the objectives'. We need to remember this when we object at council and VCAT. Discussion of the number of one and two bedroom dwellings and the Chair questioned why council planners don't reject plans that aren't high quality. Also a discussion on the weakness of terminology in the MSS when 'should' is used instead of must. Panel Chair indicated that there will be further work on the new zoning proposal including a committee.

Action: Ask Darren Rudd about the New Zoning Committee and can we have representation

Action: Ask to be sent a copy of the Panel's report as early as possible. Maria

Action: Attach copies of DADA member presentations.

Action: Check the new draft zone map and see if your street is protected under the NRZ

www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Page/Download.aspx?link=../Files/Item_802_Appendix_B_-_3_March_2014_-_RZSAC_participation_and_Amendment_C144_Map.pdf&size=8105080&name=tem 8.02 Appendix B - 3 March 2014 - RZSAC participation and Amendment C144

- b. Cazaly Ward Meeting: Wed, 5th of March, Craig, Sally, Nola, Geoff, Chris and Maria attended. Apology from Councilor Vince Fontana. It was thought that most of the residents there shared similar concerns about development and especially issues relating to storm water and flooding. Sally suggested talking to Council about better use of storm water, creation of wetlands. Melbourne Water was giving money to schools to create water gardens to help stop big run offs and flooding of the system.

Action: Push council planning to require landscape plans are submitted with planning applications.

Paula noted that Darebin has no variations to the rescode in the schedules like other councils do. Discussion of placement of air-conditioning units and associated noise levels.

- c. Darebin Planning Dept's proposed Governance Charter.

Action: for Maria to follow up on research.

- d. DADA business cards with contact details, please hand them out.

3. Correspondence:

- a. Stuart Midgley: Follow up on someone to take his at Planning Panels Victoria, sorted
- b. Sadie Oprey: asked about signs for yards, sent her SOS link and suggested she make her own.
- c. James Dawson: new planning zones, will attend a meeting

4. Council Report:

5. Other:

- a. From Craig; Follow -up on Preston East Primary School, looks secured for future and safe from developers.
- b. From Nola; Letter from real estate agents seeking to sell houses, other members reported door knocking and letter drops.

6. Objector Updates:

- a. High Street, Reservoir, objection closed 6th March but still time to send as it hasn't gone to Planning Committee.
- b. Thornbury, south side of Northcote pottery. 4 properties together owned by one family. 2 brothers are planning to develop 2 blocks and a 3rd they have bought next door. Suggestions, signs, getting locals together. Link to Darebin application data base; <https://eservices.darebin.vic.gov.au/ePathway/Production/Web/GeneralEnquiry/EnquirySummaryView.aspx> If this link doesn't work then go to the Darebin website; darebin.vic.gov.au click Planning and Building on the left hand column, then planning, then planning register, then planning register, then general inquiry and follow to the list, good luck!
- c. Don Street, VCAT this Wed. 6 objectors only 2 presenting.

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, April 9th at 572 Plenty Road, corner of Josephine Grove, Preston