



Darebin Appropriate Development Association

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

Meeting Notes: 11th of February, 2015

Present: Marion Coffey, Keith Coffey, Chris Erlandson, Maria Poletti, Nola Martin, Craig Walters, Sally Mendes, Nick McCubbin, Mandy Baird, Stuart Midgley, Geoff Toll

Apologies: Laara Eames, Paula Ventor

1. Business Arising:

- a. New Zoning wash-up: Next step is to make direct contact with Brian Tees. Letter from DADA, introduction, indicating we would like to meet, before the election to discuss planning and development issues – **Action:** Maria to follow up with Robin Scott re proposed meeting. Email from his office circulated.
- b. Golden Guys seem a popular idea but not at the moment, perhaps another time. Chris has suggested we go to council with the idea of an award for best sustainability practice **Action:** Chris to research other councils and bring back ideas to us to then take to council. Scrap book idea for our web site where people can send in photos of poor development, before and after shots, basic details like address, developers names, details of faults, what is planned.etc. **Action:** Maria
- c. Craig suggested we should become incorporated for our own protection. **Action:** Craig will organize papers for next meeting. We will fill out forms at next meeting.
- d. Council flooded with planning applications; **Action:** Nola sending a further letter asking for some clarification of money collected and spent. Maria to seek out FOI process.
- e. DADA Blog: **Action:** Maria to begin a blog linked to the website. Done. On the website. 3 entries so far. Thanks to Brian our website guru for his patience and help.
- f. Strategy for next council elections: to be discussed further next meeting. Need to work out how to make money for DADA to billboards for next election. Scorecard on development, printed and letterboxed, or posters and website. Yes to Jane on scorecard idea, we are happy to supply some data and participate.
- g. New, permanent, Preston Leader reporter is Harrison Tippet. Editor Andre is also new. **Action:** Maria to contact both.

2. New Business:

- a. **Darebin's Draft Water Strategy** is available for public comment: due Feb 16th: Chris indicated some forward thinking statements relating to water catchment and pollution in the creeks. Includes filter pits, green roofs. Language is loose and not directive enough. Chris also reiterated the lack of confluence across council. Discussed the type of permeable surface allowed in Darebin planning. **Action:** Take a look and make a submission yourself at: [www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Say/Have-Your-Say/Your-Say#Draft Water Strategy](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Say/Have-Your-Say/Your-Say#Draft%20Water%20Strategy)
Action: Chris to send his submission to Maria for distribution.

3. Council Report:

- a. Councilor Bo Li has a new job, Director at Darebin Enterprise Centre Ltd, affiliated with amongst others Darebin City Council.
- b. Preston Market: planning meeting, planners have come back to Darebin insisting on 28 stories at Preston Market. To be heard at council meeting next Monday 16th of February. **Action:** DADA folk will go to hear the debate.

4. Other:

- a. Adrian Luca: email circulated re: DADA as anti public transport
- b. Amendments C136, C137 & C138 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
Action: Questions to council about C138. What percentage of NRZ was requested of the minister?
What is the height limit on Plenty Road?
Craig and Chris to go to council meeting on Monday 16th to ask a questions.
- c. Jane Morton email: re DADA member to take over. Nobody interested.

5. Press:

- a. City of Melbourne: High-rise homes forget kids. From The Age Sunday February 1st supplement.

6. Objector Updates:

- a. From Susan Rennie: emailed update on progress of Harold Street developments.
- b. From Stuart Midgley: 629-631A Plenty Road, VCAT date early March. Objectors to get together to work on submissions for VCAT. Council rejected this application.
- c. From Mandy Baird: 672 Plenty Road, **Action:** Maria to distribute objection forms to network. Done

7. Strategy Ideas 2015

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Wednesday, March 11th at 33 Dean Street, Preston.