



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

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Meeting Notes: 28th of June, 2016

Present: Marion Coffey, Keith Coffey, Maria Poletti, Mandy Baird, Sally Mendes, Craig Walters, Chris Erlandsen, Cathy Audley, Susan Davies, Frank Caputo

Apologies: Stewart Midgley, Meryl Waugh, Kevin Audley

1. Business Arising:

- a. 137 Mansfield Street, **Action:** Meryl to write to Darren Rudd after DADA is incorporated regarding the work of the council representative. The letter will have DADA imprimatur.
- b. Sally suggested we go to town planner courses and ask if final year students will do pro-bono work on behalf of objectors. **Action:** Sally
- c. Suggested corruption by developers asking for specific members to hear their case and that somebody should collect the data and talk to the papers. **Action:** Maria to contact Lucas Clay from the age to ask if he will do the research.
- d. Meeting with the Mayor, CEO, Manager of Finances and Manager of Planning on the 21st of April. Meeting discussed. Suggested that council prepare a checklist so that we can more easily see what the application holds. An example for feedback was circulated. **Action:** Maria to add suggestions. **Done.** Meryl has started a spread sheet to help breakdown planning applications so we can more easily assess planning applications.
- e. Sale of Education Department land in Reservoir; **Action:** Keith will talk to Robin Scott about support for the land going to council. **Done** Keith has made a submission on preferred future use of the land at Glasgow Road. Keith has also spoken to Robin Scott and suggested a social housing use. **Action:** Keith will follow up on last weeks meeting with Robin. Keith followed up with Robin who said they are interested in getting council to buy the land but at a rate. Follow up meeting with Latrobe ward councillors and politicians. Seems to be agreement that council will buy, followed by a meeting to drop the panels for fast tracking the sale. Keith spoke to his submissions. Still in process but looking hopeful that council will procure the land. Preston Girls will be a school at a peppercorn lease continue. See today's Leader.
- f. Paypal account: **Action:** Craig will set up Paypal account and link it to the bank account.
- g. Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee:
Action: Craig to question council at the next meeting on why the council submission was so short and inadequate. Keith will also ask a question if needed. **Done.** Craig asked question and had a written reply. See attached. **Action:** Keith to ask a question around the schedule and indicate that other councils had much longer to speak. Maria to send Keith a copy of schedule. **Done**

2. New Business:

- a. Data from minutes of Planning Committee Meetings: Mandy will have data finished by next meeting.
- b. DADA how to vote forms; a bit of a rethink changes suggested and discussed. Maria to make changes and bring back for further discussion.
- c. Discussion of the increased frequency of reverse living in planning proposals and the way council votes on this.

3. From the papers:

- a. Preston Leader; June 7th, Front page quotes on the development proposal at 830 Plenty Road.
- b. Darebin Update, autumn 2016, from Nelson Alexander with pricing stats for Darebin.
- c. A bit on nightingale, the development at Station Street, it passed by council. In the conversation part of the paper with views expressed both ways. 37,000 from developer to monitor who owns

cars and where they are parking and the impact. Sprucked as more affordable which is a real lie.

- d. Short stay boom in the new developments.
- e. Lot consolidation where neighbours are getting together and selling their properties as a lump to developers. This gives them more money per square metre. Group sales.
- f. Pace in High street thornbury, includes some three bedroom apartments.
- g. Late night property TV show included a building on the Junction 9 high being talked up. Has some three bedroom dwellings.
- h. Casey also has a watchdog as they are the most secret council in the state.
- i. Again Darebin council did not participate in the customer satisfaction surveys.

4. Finance Report:

- a. \$30 in the bank. Treasure to find missing funds.

5. Objector Updates:

- a. **425 Plenty Road**, June 10th VCAT sent an interim order.
- b. 13 Dean Street, going to VCAT in november. Recieved papers today.
- c. **27 Murphy Grove**, at VCAT July 11th, more new plans arrived 27th June. Relying heavily on an expert witness who will talk about neighbourhood character.
- d. 314 to 316 St Georges Road, a lot of extra objections, found site and used the DADA stuff.
- e. **71 Miller Street, Thornbury**, rejected unanimously at last night's meeting. Congratulations to the residents involved.
- f. **Knox street update, 79 objections, folders coming. Looks like it will be 8th of august.**

6. Other Business:

- a. Craig offers help on fencing legislation, he is well versed.
- b. Council elections, can't start planning things to early. Suggesting some direct action at the Market and Northland.
- c. Refusal notices, Chris is going to sort into planner piles according to planner.
- d. Meeting at Northcote Town Hall, organized by DCAN. Questions on building of the highrise towers, directly impacting the environment. Some candidates buck passed to state government strategies. good answers to questions included, from the renewable energy party said it was a valid issue. The reduction of trees by 70% in australia.

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Tuesday the 12th of July at 33 Dean Street, Preston.