



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

Inc. No. A0094111Q

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

Meeting Notes: 27th of September, 2016

Present: Sally Mendes, Maria Poletti, Mandy Baird, Maria Drossos, Maria Xenitopoulos

Apologies: Stewart Midgley, Meryl Waugh, Craig Walters, Susan Davies, Chris Erlandsen

1. Business Arising:

- a. 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
- b. 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. **Meryl** has started a spread sheet to help breakdown planning applications so we can more easily assess planning applications.
- c. Paypal account: **Action:** Craig will set up Paypal account and link it to the bank account.
- d. Data from minutes of Planning Committee Meetings: **Action:** Mandy will have data finished by next meeting. **Done:** There are some patterns appearing and more data to come.
- e. Planning Backlash Bill of Rights support with Fiona Patten. Circulated and discussed. **Action:** Maria to invite Fiona Patten to a meeting and keep in mind the bill of rights to talk to. **Action:** Maria to notify Mary Drost of decision. **Done**
- f. Darebin Councils move to reject DADA objections as a trigger for planning applications to go for review at Planning Committee. The DADA rule. **Action:** 1. Complaint; re the Councilor Code of Conduct. Maria to take to council and pay. Reimbursement to be decided later. **Done, no cost, 2-4 weeks before we hear. Pathetic response from council discussed. We should have known.** 2. Letter to the local council ombudsman. 3. Letter to Minister for local government. 4. Calling in on radio. Mandy to check how to submit to 3AW council watch. 5. Facebook users to respond to posts that ask questions. **Further Action:** Meryl and Sally and Susan to try and record the video of the meeting.
- g. Tim Laurence flyer, Maria to put on DADA blog with tag. "No time for Tim's tall stories" Suggested a complaint on code of conduct and to have him deregistered by the ALP. **Done**
- h. New 'How to Vote' design, many thanks to Harris and Melissa. More changes back to Harris for a final. Printing cheaper at Box Up and they will deliver. Design can be emailed to them. **Action:** Maria to contact and ask if they also do the cutting. **Done** Sent to printer
- i. Better Apartments round two consultations on the draft standards: Chris and Maria have responded as individuals and encourage others to do the same so that our voices are heard as well as the developers and their representatives. Follow the link to respond: <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/better-apartments> **Action:** Chris to respond for DADA. **Done**
- j. Reply from council on the Code of Conduct complaint re change to planning committee charter. Discussed a lawyer's letter to council given the motion is illegal not legal under the Planning and Environment Act. Nicole will talk to Maria regarding lawyer support. Maria to ask Mark Tregonning if he might give us some pro-bono work. Leave until after the election.

2. New Business

- a. Election Strategy Update: DADA cards, \$440 spent on 10,500 copies for distribution. A3 posters laminated. After the protests we should use as street signs. Hats to be made by Maria. Gathering points and times decided for protest Saturday. Sally to talk to Jane about DCAN letterboxing Rucker Ward for us and we will letterbox Cazaly for DCAN. Saturday protests: Sally and Mandy now doing Latrobe cars and letterbox drops. Protesters to do the

market car park and Northland car park.

- b. Ranking the candidates. The DADA how to vote guide should include a statement about numbering every candidate. Discussed candidate order for each ward and decided first and last places.
- c. Save Preston Market Community Meeting, Chris speaking on behalf of DADA. Speech attached.
- d. Second Code of Conduct complaint. Letter reply from the acting CEO. Follow up to be considered post election.
- e. Report on the Rucker Ward Forum: around 11 of the 15 candidates attended. Greens, Independents, Liberals and Labour. Standout candidates were Susan Rennie and Trent McCarthy. Between 40 and 60 people attended at Northcote Town Hall.
Meet your local candidates forum, Preston Neighbourhood House, Wednesday the 28th of September.

3. From the papers:

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4. Objector Updates:

- a. **425 Plenty Road**, VCAT decision rejected council's decision.

5. Other Business:

Next Meetings: 7.00pm, **Tuesday the 11th of October** at 33 Dean Street, Preston.