

**MINUTES OF THE GUNGAHLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 14th MAY, 2003**

PRESENT: As per attendance sheet.

APOLOGIES: Mark Loney

The President, Barry Dee, opened the meeting at 7.30pm. He welcomed the Ngunnawal people to the meeting and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Ngunnawal land. The meeting was privileged to have present two Aboriginal Elders from the Ngunnawal clan. ***Does anyone know their names???***

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April were read by Roma Hosking.

MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2003 be accepted.

Proposed: Jonathon Reynolds Seconded: Renee Olsen CARRIED

ACTIONS OUTSTANDING

The action items were not addressed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barry Dee read the Treasurer's Report to the meeting. It was agreed that the Treasurer be asked to prepare a cheque for \$16,479.18 to return the unspent portion of the Social Capital Grant (part of the Urban Service – Community Renewal Program).

MOTION 2: That Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Roma Hosking Seconded: Shirley Goodall CARRIED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A meeting regarding telecommunications throughout Gungahlin was run by Senators Kate Lundy and Bob McMullan at the Gold Creek High School on 3 May. There has been little improvement over the past year, except for an Optus mobile transmitter at the Gundaroo Road / Mirrabei Drive roundabout. Telstra and Optus have both submitted proposals to locate communications towers on Gungahlin Hill. The GCC agrees with this location but has submitted a proposal that there be only one tower to be shared by the two carriers. Barry Dee circulated a survey form re the location of the tower/s and urged people to complete and return the form. A link to this form is available on the GCC website and also on Kate Lundy's website. Barry commented that this tower should be installed at no extra cost to Gungahlin.
- The ACT Government is changing the way in which it will fund non-Government forums. Barry Dee asked people how they would like to see it progress and asked what is wrong with current system.

- A copy of the 2002/2003 ACT Budget briefing is available from Barry Dee. It is also available electronically on the ACT Government website. There are some positives for Gungahlin, i.e. extra buses; commencement of the high school; funding to commence the Gungahlin Drive Extension; \$400K for mental health Outreach programs.
- A recent “Save the Ridge” meeting had about 300 people in attendance. At that meeting a motion was moved that the “Save the Ridge” group was not able to accept the Western alignment and would support a “no-road” option. Roma exhorted that people present at tonight’s meeting write polite but strong letters to the “Save the Ridge” group to express their anger. She said that Gungahlin residents must be vocal about this delaying tactic, and she put forward the following motion

MOTION: That the GCC write a letter to the “Save the Ridge” group expressing disappointment and anger at the their motion to oppose both the eastern or western alignment, i.e. any road.

Proposed: Roma Hosking Seconded: Lloyd Walker CARRIED

Graham Horn, from the “Save the Ridge” group pointed out that the motion taken to oppose a “no-road” option was not a valid vote and that there had been a request to modify the motion which had been dealt with unsatisfactorily. He said that the group has always supported the road which caused the least disruption to the environment and to people, i.e. the Western alignment, and that representatives from the Belconnen Community Council, also present at the “Save the Ridge” meeting, had supported the Western alignment.

Roma suggested that Gungahlin residents should also write letters expressing their concern and anger about the “Save the Ridge” group’s motion to the Chief Minister, the Minister for Planning, the ACT Legislative Assembly, Senators Lundy and McMullan, their local Member, and particularly to Wilson Tuckey, Minister for Territories, Federal Parliament Canberra.

Shirley Goodall expressed disappointment at the tone of tonight’s meeting. She said that she was glad to hear Graham Horn’s views at the last meeting and felt that the GCC should thank him for coming and to let him know that his position was understood. The President and others present did this. Graham accepted the thanks and said that he was in favour of Roma’s motion. He said that the North Canberra Community Council was in favour of the Western alignment and do not endorse the “no-road” option. He commented that the “Save the Ridge” motion was done out of anger, frustration and disappointment, but did not mean there is a united motion; that the majority had urged for the Western alignment rather than no road, but that there was a unanimous vote against the Eastern alignment.

Graham Horn provided the web address www.savetheridge.com.au and said that mail addressed to the “Save the Ridge Executive” at 33 Faunce Street, O’Connor would be received.

PRESENTATION BY THE MULANGGARI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Gaby Browarczyk, Dennis Rose and Jo MacDonald provided an information session on the Mulanggari Community Association's aspirations to promote an example of diverse, responsible and sustainable development in the Gungahlin district, in particular around a "Historic Precinct", retaining a natural wildlife corridor, which includes the properties known as "Gungaderra", "Wells Station", "Up Top" and "Canberra Park", which borders Flemington Road, Horsepark Drive and the Federal Highway.

The site contains examples of 19th century European farming, sites of Aboriginal significance and is the headwaters of the Sullivans Creek catchment area. The Association's proposal for a Heritage Precinct would provide education facilities that illustrate and compare historic agricultural land use to modern sustainable concepts as well as putting them into practice. Their plan aims to foster employment through business services, historical tourism, and biotechnology.

The Association is looking for interest from the community to help explore this possibility and would like to hear from anyone who may have an interest in their project or has knowledge of the histories of the homesteads and surrounds so that a database can be created. Their contacts are available from the Gungahlin Community Council.

Barry Dee thanked the representatives from the Association for attending this meeting, and thanked the speakers for their thoughtful and informative presentation. He trusted it had been beneficial to all present.

PALM PRESENTATION

Angharad Dean and *who was the lad?* provided a presentation titled "Planning for the Future – Planning Canberra's Future. Community and Capital – in a New Century". Angharad explained the history of the Spatial Plan, the Economic Paper and the White Paper. "Your Canberra – Your Say" was issued (copies available at this meeting) which identified key issues facing the ACT in the next 25-30 years. It has been necessary to replace the old out-dated plan as the city and its people have changed socially as well as economically, and environmental thinking is now important.

The planning process for the future is at the halfway point, as is the consultation process. PALM has been communicating with the ACT population and has run forums, public meetings, conferences and surveys. A summit will be held in June to outline what the future options might be, setting out issues and ways to address them.

There is a possibility that development of the ACT will extend into NSW as a shortage of land occurs in the future. There is some question at present whether Gungahlin will develop to its envisaged 100,000, or whether development will go ahead in other areas (e.g. Stromlo) to the detriment of Gungahlin. Concern was expressed that this will affect the whole dynamic of Gungahlin – roads, transport, employment, commercial and business development.

Angharad invited people along to the 11-12 June summit (which is difficult for many people being week days). Consultation with the community will continue with some additional meetings held on weekends. Outcomes will be circulated and will be available on the PALM website.

Questions were invited. These included:

- How will Aboriginal burial sites be protected?
- What communication will be there with the Aboriginal community?
- Will there be a strategic plan prepared to encompass Aboriginal culture?

(Angharad acknowledged the above questions, agreeing to “take them on board” and to ensure that they are taken into consideration in the future.)

- How will the people of Gungahlin be catered for – there doesn’t appear to be any commitment?
- If there is to be no employment base there shouldn’t be the population, and vice versa.
- What is the threshold for a college?
- Where can citizens find answers to the above questions and others?
- More facilities needed for senior citizens.
- Unhelpful if growth is cut off – a need for at least 50,000 people.
- If future development occurs into NSW, ACT will be providing the employment, tax base and infrastructure, but the revenue will go to NSW.

Barry Dee thanked Angharad Dean and ??? for their presentation.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Barry Dee thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Next Public Meeting: 11 June 2003.

MOTIONS FROM MEETING 14/5/03

Motion No.	Motion	Proposer	Seconders	Status
1-14/5/03	That the Minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2003 be accepted.	Jonathon Reynolds	Renee Olsen	
2-14/5/03	That the Treasurer's report be accepted.	Roma Hosking	Shirley Goodall	

MOTIONS CARRIED FORWARD

Motion No.	Motion	Proposer	Seconders	Status
3-14/5/03	That the GCC write a letter to the "Save the Ridge" group expressing disappointment and anger at their motion to oppose both the eastern or western alignment, i.e. any road.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
2-9/4/03	That the GCC write to Urban Services recommending that the speed on Northbourne Avenue between Antill Street to Flemington Road become a consistent 70 kph.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
3-9/4/03	That the GCC write to Urban Services to recommend they put on their forward plan extension for Northbourne Avenue, three lanes instead of two lanes, between Antill Street and Flemington Road.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
4-9/4/03	That Mark Loney be nominated to the Community IT Advisory Group pending further advice and information.	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	
5-9/4/03	The GCC will write to the Gungahlin Development Authority asking them to disclose their official objections to not having a Town Square, so that the GCC may know them and address them.	Lloyd Walker	Jonathon Reynolds	
3-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to Action Buses asking for an increase in the number of bus shelters in the area.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
4-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the Action Buses asking them to consider installing the old-style concrete bus shelters in preference to other designs which fail to give adequate protection and which suffer from frequent vandalism.	Maben Douglass	Ian Ruecroft	
5-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to request that the Government considers the vacant office space available in Gungahlin when considering future relocation of ACT Public Servants.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	
6-12/3/03	That the GCC writes to the appropriate Minister to express dissatisfaction with the decreased number of ACTAB staff now moving to Gungahlin.	Ian Ruecroft	Maben Douglass	
<i>Incomplete motion actions brought forward</i>				
2-12/2/03	Barry Dee will prepare letter of support to be sent on behalf of the Gungahlin Community Council to the Weston, Tuggeranong and Woden Community Councils. The content will be discussed with the Gungahlin Community Council	Roma Hosking	Lloyd Walker	In train

	Executive prior to sending.			
5-12/2/03	That the Gungahlin Community Council write to the ACT Treasurer and Minister for Business, Ted Quinlan, and ask that Gungahlin be looked at for the next allocation of offices from Civic to this area provided the Govt revises its focus around the airport precinct which at present is to the detriment of Gungahlin.	Jonathon Reynolds	Peter Coggan	In train

ACTIONS Carried forward

Action No.	Action	Actionee	Status
1-9/4/03	Ask Minister Corbell how many letters he had received, and for the comments made in the letters regarding the Town Square option.	Vicki Dunn	
1-12/3/03	Telephone Sue Pym to find out if the Melbourne consultants' visit will coincide with a GCC public meeting and whether they would be able to provide a presentation.	Barry Dee	
2-12/3/03	Contact Tony Sadler from Epic to see if he is available to speak at the April meeting.	Ian Ruecroft	