

INNER SOUTH CANBERRA COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC
Annual General Meeting and Public Forum 7pm, 12 November, 2019
Eastlake Football Club, Griffith

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair (Marea Fatseas) acknowledged the traditional owners of the land and welcomed attendees, local members, government representatives, and residents.

2. Apologies

Elizabeth Lee, John Worcester, Anne Forrest, Mike Lewis, Peter Pharaoh, Bruce Paine, David Denham, Gary Kent, David Johnstone, Greg Cornwell.

3. Briefing on ISCCC Online Survey

The Chair gave a briefing on the initial results of the online survey as of 10 November from 189 respondents. Key results to date are:

What do you value most in your suburb? Residents value open space/ovals/bushland, the treescape, and the environment.

The top three concerns are maintenance of parks & treescape, planning & development, and rates and charges.

Residents still think that in 5 to 10 years they will be living mainly in detached dwellings, with small increases in the number intending to live in townhouses, dual occupancies, and a more pronounced increase (from a very small base) of residents expecting to move into Aged Care.

Overwhelmingly, people want to be consulted about development occurring next door or nearby, in particular if there will be an impact on their access to sunlight and natural light, and if there will be zoning changes.

Most people use their own vehicles for transport. If people were dissatisfied with public transport, over 40 percent thought this could be overcome with more buses, nearly 20 percent thought the light rail from Civic to Woden could address the need, and over 30 percent considered that a combination of more buses and light rail could satisfy the need.

For those using bus transport, less than 10% thought the new public bus timetable had shortened their travel time, over 20% said it had increased their travel time, and 26% no longer use public transport. The largest number of survey respondents live in Narrabundah.

There was a lower proportion of young people responding to the survey, in particular under the age of 24.

4. Update on current ACT Government Review of Planning

The Planning Minister and senior planning officials sent their apologies but provided a written update indicating the review will take 3 years and that a more comprehensive update will be available in late November/December or early next year. With respect to the termination of the Environment and Planning Forum (a mechanism for the Government and stakeholders to discuss planning and environment issues), a facilitated workshop was being organized for the end of November to workshop new proposed arrangements. Further community engagement would occur in early 2020 on how district level planning could be incorporated into Canberra's planning system.

Comments from the floor included:

- While the ACT Government is in the middle of a major review there is no mechanism to consult with stakeholders
- Cynicism was expressed about whether the Government was interested in community interests.

5. Transport Canberra update on the new bus network six months after its introduction, and checking in with inner south residents on how it's working

Peter Steele, Transport Canberra Operations, gave a presentation and spoke to a power point presentation. The presentation will be put up on the ISCCC website.

Key points included:

- More Canberrans are using public transport, with a 6.4% increase in the number of journeys made in the quarter ending 30 September 2019, compared to the same time in 2018.
- This includes more journeys being made that originate in the inner south:
 - 1.2% increase in weekday journeys; and
 - 14.7% increase in weekend journeys.

Feedback includes:

- Rapid 2 from City into Barton and Kingston is over crowded during peak times.
- Rapid 2 does not service the Railway Station – only Wentworth Avenue where footpaths are difficult to navigate.
- Over crowding on Rapid 6 at Narrabundah College
- Service connections being missed or timings not working as planned.
- Route 57/58 departure timing from City needs improvement.
- Hard to find information about Woden to AMC service.

Some issues raised from the floor during the Q&A session

- The need for improvement to bus shelters or the provision of bus shelters
- Poor signage at the Kingston Railway leading to confusion for passengers who want to catch an Action Bus

6. Narrabundah College Modernisation Process

Ellen Samuels from Communication Link presented to the Forum on behalf of ACT Education. The consultation process on the Narrabundah College Modernisation Process is underway.

The theme is Community Connection & Partnership.

The process is about setting up the College to meet future needs.

The feedback received will be used by the Government to help develop the concept plans for modernizing the College.

Attendees at the Forum were directed to the Narrabundah College Website for more information.

While to date there has been a lot of feedback around connectivity-both internal and external, it is too early to advise about the impact on residents.

Points made from the floor included:

- It is a relatively small site for what could be a campus
- Good if surrounding community can use facilities
- The need for the inclusion of sports and fitness facilities

The three presentations made at the forum are available on the ISCCC website at www.isccc.org.au.

8.30pm Annual General Meeting

1. Marea Fatseas, Chairperson, welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies were noted (see above).
3. Minutes of the meeting of the 2018 AGM were accepted. Moved: Barbara Moore, seconded: John Keeley
4. Chair's Report - Marea Fatseas: The Chair spoke to her report. It will be uploaded to the ISCCC website. The report was accepted. Moved: Caroline Fitzwarryne/ Leo Dobes

Note: Leo Dobes thanked the Chair for her tireless efforts on behalf of the ISCCC.

5. Treasurer's report: In the Treasurer's absence, the Assistant Treasurer Deborah Price spoke to the Financial Report. The Treasurer's report was circulated. The financial report for the year 2018-19 was accepted. Moved Melissa Bennett, seconded.

6. Election of Committee: The chair invited John Keeley (Old Narrabundah Community Council) to be returning officer. John thanked the outgoing committee for all their work in the past year. There being one nomination only for various positions on the committee of the ISCCC, he then read out the names of the nominees, as follows:

Chair: Marea Fatseas

Deputy Chair: Gary Kent

Secretary: Kathie Potts

Treasurer: David Johnstone

Ordinary Member: John Edquist

Ordinary Member: Anne Forrest

Public Relations Officer: Sonia Owens

Assistant Treasurer: Deborah Price

It was noted that the positions of webmaster and Assistant Secretary were still open.

7. Appointment of Reviewer/Auditor: The appointment of Sue Ross was confirmed.

8. Acceptance of nominees of residents associations/groups for Committee membership:

Resident Groups proposed their nominee(s) to the ISCCC as follows:

Yarralumla Residents Association (YRA): Chris Windsor, Peter Pharaoh

Other Groups will confirm their nominees at meetings of their incoming committees following their AGMs.

9. General Business:

Move and Vote of Thanks to Chair and Committee.

Meeting closed at 9 pm.