

Community Associations in the City of Canada Bay

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 18th AUGUST, 2007 AT 10.00am
in the PELICAN POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 164 BURWOOD ROAD, CONCORD.**

PRESENT: Angela D'Amore – MP, Drummoyne
Cheryl Craig, Pelican Quays
Paul Zammit, Pelican Point
Dianne Foster, Pelican Point
David Richard, Abbotsford Cove
Andrew Meyer, Pelican Point
Kate Foot, Pelican Point
Jim Walsh, Phillips Landing
Peter Coffey, Kendall Inlet
Nola Coffey, Kendall Inlet
Steve Morgan, Breakfast Point
Bob Phillips, Cape Cabarita
Jenny Paul, Edgewood

APOLOGIES: Fred Ryder, Edgewood
John Small, Breakfast Point
John Clarke, Breakfast Point
John Wurth, Liberty Grove
John Halmarick, Nautica
Barry Mealing, Cape Cabarita
Annette Counsel, Pelican Point

WELCOME: Chairman, Kate Foot, welcomed all attendees.

MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting of 7th June 2007 were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting (Moved: David Richard, Seconded: Cheryl Craig).

**MATTERS
ARISING FROM
MINUTES:**

FORESHORE LIGHTING UPGRADE:

- Bob Phillips tabled a letter from the Mayor to Margaret Fisher at Cape Cabarita confirming that the \$80K discussed at the last meeting is to be spent on upgrading lighting from Bushell's factory to the small bridge at Massey Park, in Exile Bay. (This means that Council is upgrading lighting only for that strip of the walkway for which Council is responsible.)

**REPORT ON
NAMING OF
GROUP:**

- Paul Zammit confirmed that he had not been able to register the name of the group as requested. Apparently, Department of Fair Trading advised that the words "community" or "alliance" are not acceptable to them for the purposes we had indicated.
- The alternative suggested was to register the name under the "Associations Incorporation Act, 1984." There is a small fee involved and other requirements, should the group decide to proceed with this option.
- It was resolved that Paul would invite a Media Liaison Officer from the Department to attend the next meeting to explain what is involved in the incorporation of groups.

**REPORT ON
CONTACT WITH
OTHER
COMMUNITIES:**

- Kate confirmed that we had issued invitation letters to our counterparts at Kendall Inlet, Edgewood, Kings Row, Nautica, Riviera. The estate of Tuscany Court at Five Dock is all on one Strata Plan and, lacking a Community Association, has not been contacted.
- David Richard indicated that developers Harry Triguboth and Mirvac had held control pretty tightly on Nautica and Riviera to date. However, they are soon to hand over the management of those estates to the respective owners.
- Rhodes Waterside is still operating as 10 separate stratas with no community association. Presently, we will not contact this development.

**ANGELA
D'AMORE'S
REPORT:**

- Angela confirmed that she has approached the Minister for Fair Trading, Ms Linda Burney, MP, who will be happy to meet a delegation from the group, after Parliament resumes. Ideally this would be in October/November.
- Angela recommended that the group prepare a 1-2 page summary of the issues that we believe should be brought to the Minister.
- Thereafter, Angela believes we will also need to approach the Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor.
- After Parliament resumes in September, the amendments to the Community Land Development Act will be up for discussion, and Angela will advise when these planned amendments become available.

**UPDATE ON
GENERAL
ISSUES:**

COUNCIL LIASION

- David Richard confirmed that there had been some serious Council activity and beautification of the Council property adjacent to Abbotsford Cove.
- David also confirmed that he has received advice that Councillor Michael Megna has asked for a review of the circumstances/conditions attached to DAs for community estates that have been developed in the City of Canada Bay.
- Kate Foot confirmed that she had discussed various community association issues with Neil Kenzler.
- It was agreed that we would not approach Canada Bay Council at this time and that we need to be clear about our issues and objectives before we formally make an approach.
- It was noted that the next local government elections will take place in September 2008.

REVIEW OF NSW COMMUNITY SCHEMES LEGISLATION

- Kate circulated copies of the review document and asked all representatives to review with (perhaps) one other person from their estate and submit feedback to Paul Zammit by 3rd September. Any relevant issues that have not been included in the official review can be suggested.
- Please copy emails to Paul to all representatives, and put a "confirm receipt" request on such emails to Paul.
- Kate will provide contact details for all representatives in the next few days.
- Paul will consolidate responses into one submission document which will be circulated by 24th September for review by all representatives prior to the next meeting.
- Kate is to write to Angela confirming that we would like her to advise the Minister that we are working on a submission and will submit in a few weeks' time. We would like the Minister to take it to the Backbench Caucus Committee.

POLITICAL AGENDA

- Paul Zammit asked the representatives to consider running a candidate at the next Council election. Decision deferred.

INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

- Angela agreed to approach the Department of Lands to obtain a list of all registered community schemes in the City of Canada Bay.

- Angela also offered to provide names of contacts at the Department of Lands and the Minister's office (for future use).

OFFER OF ASSISTANCE

- Angela is to investigate the possibility of her being allocated a second university student to be attached to her office for research purposes. The students are available for 2 days a week for 10 weeks. This would be of great assistance with the research we need to progress.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ALLIANCE:

- The objectives developed by the initial group in 2005 were tabled for review.
- Each representative is to consider the objectives, reduce to 3-5 key objectives, and send feedback to Kate Foot by 1st September, or as soon as possible after that date.
- Kate will consolidate the suggestions into one draft set of objectives for presentation at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

PHILLIPS LANDING

- Jim Walsh advised that security for pools, etc at Phillips Landing was a real issue, coming into summer. He asked if anyone has had success with handling this issue at their estate to please let him know.
- Another major concern was residents regularly using designated visitor parking.
- Angela suggested that both these issues should be included in our submission to the Minister.

Jim also advised that Phillips Landing had had some success with the Maritime Authority in that the costs associated with the maintenance of Frenchman's Wharf had been reduced by half.

'THANK YOU' TO DIANNE FOSTER

Dianne was thanked for her sustained efforts in getting the group together and our meetings under way. The meeting was informed that Dianne would like to step back now from an administrative role, and hence another attendee would need to take the Minutes of our meetings in the future.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 29th September 2007 at 9.00am in Pelican Point Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 11.05 am