

AURORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

REDGUM CAFÉ

29/07/2010

Opened: 7.35 pm

PRESENT: Brad Costin, Cara Horner, Steve Sansome, Tracey Millen, Ron Penney, Goran Zdravkovski, Lisa Hall, Tracie McBride, Tony Francis, Harvard Barclay, Taegan Hannah, Victoria Dillon, Lianne Gee, Atilla Kolik, Kathy Pompetti, Ping Vincent, Nerilee Kerslake, Maria DiGirolamo, Peter DiGirolamo, Khush Sigianporza, Sash Dodevski, Joanna Durst, Carly Martyn, Salvatore Prochilo, Athula Bogoda, Maryse Bogoda, Tarik Koch, Lisa Mifsud

APOLOGIES: Larissa Hallam

ABSENT: Tahirih, Vishal Sujeeun

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: As this was the ACA's first AGM, there were no prior AGM minutes.

PREAMBLE: President Brad Costin welcomed attendees, reminded everyone to vote for their favourite logo and write down issues of concern.

REPORTS:

Chairperson's Report (Brad Costin):

- ACA has had a good year, has progressed issues of concern, and has been involved in various activities (e.g. World Cup soccer night, sustainability workshops).
- There is opportunity to tackle more issues and play a part in the development of the community
- ACA will continue to focus on expanding the group and fostering common interests (e.g. community garden)
- Brad thanked the committee for their work in maintaining the formalities of running the association
- Brad thanked ACA members who helped with fundraising and letterbox drops throughout the year, and encouraged all members to actively participate
- Brad thanked his wife, Nerilee, for her support
- Brad thanked VicUrban for their support of ACA (including funding and promotional opportunities)

Treasurer's Report (Ron Penney):
Total funds in ACA's bank account as of 29/07/2010 are \$2277.10, and interest of \$0.23. Ron acknowledged the contribution of VicUrban as well as fundraising activities in achieving this bank balance.

BUSINESS MATTERS:

Voting on Committee Positions:

- Brad thanked the people who got the group going, then declared all positions open
- Jo Durst facilitated the nominations process

President: Brad Costin

Moved: Cara Horner

Brad accepted the position

Seconded: Ron Penney

Vice-President: Cara Horner

Moved: Tracey Millen

Cara accepted the position

Seconded: Steve Sansome

Secretary: Tracey Millen

Moved: Brad Costin

Seconded: Ron Penney

Tracey accepted the position

Treasurer: Ron Penney

Moved: Steven Sansome

Seconded: Brad Costin

Ron accepted the position

Public Officer: Steve Sansome

Moved: Brad Costin

Seconded: Ron Penney

Steve accepted the position

Ordinary Member 1: Lisa Hall

Moved: Lisa Hall

Seconded: Brad Costin

Lisa accepted the position

Ordinary Member 2: Goran Zdravkovski

Moved: Brad Costin

Seconded: Lisa Hall

Goran accepted the position

Ordinary Member 3: Tracie McBride

Moved: Tracie McBride

Seconded: Brad Costin

Tracie accepted the position

Guest Speakers:

Simon Magri (VicUrban)

- Simon gave an update on the progress VicUrban has made, including improvement on completion times, the current stages underway/nearing completion, and civil works that will be undertaken over 3-5 months
- The development will not be completed this financial year
- Plans for the town centre are being considered, but no definite plans as yet
- Query raised re: general store. Taegan explained that VicUrban are getting closer to finalising a deal, and will announce it ASAP
- Query raised re: Arise/telecommunications. Tracey and Tarik provided updates. Taegan emphasised the importance of logging complaints in writing with the sales office, so that issues can be investigated.
- Query raised re: state of roads (lots of mud, etc.). Simon clarified that VicUrban requires builders to comply with contracts (which include provisions for construction debris), but has no legal powers to fine builders who do not comply
- Query raised re: who is responsible for maintaining swales/nature strips. Simon confirmed that it is now the landowner's responsibility

Kathy Pompetti – Family and Community Services Officer Epping North
(City of Whittlesea)

- Kathy explained her new role as an interface between Council and the Epping North community
- She is keen to help grow the ACA and promote it
- She gave an update on family services planned for the area, including the building of a community activity centre in Lyndarum Estate, due to open in 2013. The centre will include kinder rooms and maternal & child care space, but the community hall may have to be located closer to the soccer stadium, due to limited space. She also provided copies of Council's parent education training brochure.
- Kathy confirmed that Woolworths has been granted a permit to build, and that the commercial section opposite has yet to have any planning permits approved
- Query raised re: playgroups in Aurora.
- Query raised re: mobile library. Kathy said this was a contentious issue.

Brad noted that Ping Vincent from Creeds Farm Living and Learning Centre was also present.

General Business:

- Website development: Brad encouraged people interested in helping develop ACA's website to leave their contact details
- Logo: Members voted for their favourite of three logos, which were designed by RMIT students. The winning logo, with 15 out of 24 votes, was designed by Alyce Cursio. Thank you letter to be sent out [Tracey].
- Issues of concern: Cara encouraged people to get involved and get together to deal with issues raised. Issues to be grouped into themes [Cara].

CLOSE:

9.10 pm

NEXT MEETING:

28 July 2011 (TBC)