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Authority Meeting A2019/2

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Public Record

*I endorse this Public Record of the
Authority meeting held on 17 April 2019*

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Mr Terry Weber, Chair of the National Capital Authority

This document is a public record of the National Capital Authority meeting held on 17 April 2019. As some matters discussed at Authority meetings are personal, privileged and/or confidential, this record follows but does not represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

Before the Authority meeting, the Authority visited the National Gallery of Australia (NGA) where they met with the NGA's senior staff. The Authority were shown through the NGA's grounds and discussed a range of issues and planned work in the short, medium and longer term. A particular point of discussion was the interface between the NGA's sculpture garden and Lake Burley Griffin.

Administration and Governance

The following Authority members were present at the meeting: Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Ms Chris Faulks, Mr Glenn Keys, Mr Dennis Richardson and Ms Sally Barnes (Chief Executive).

This meeting was the Authority's second for 2019.

The Authority attended to the standard administrative and governance processes for the meeting including disclosing and managing conflicts of interest, finalising previous meeting minutes and reviewing the status of action items from earlier meetings.

Decision

The Authority asked the NCA to write to the NGA thanking them for the site visit and discussion, and to continue to develop a project to upgrade the lake foreshore footpath and lighting adjoining the NGA.

Work Health and Safety Report

The Authority received and considered an update on Work Health and Safety which included an update of the work of the NCA's Health and Safety Committee and a recent incident and hazard reporting. The Authority looked forward to more detailed work on asbestos management planning, including more specific geospatial information.

Planning and Performance

The Authority received and considered a paper on planning and performance matters, including available measures for performance for the financial year to date.

The Authority agreed to hold a half-day planning session in May 2019, including to assist in the development of the NCA's Corporate Plan for 2019-20 to 2022-23. The Authority also noted input coming from staff and some key stakeholders.

The Authority agreed that a member of the Authority join an ICT sub-committee being established.

Risk Management

The Authority received and considered a report on risk management matters in the NCA, including a current functional audit of the Scrivener Dam Safety Management Plan.

Governance and Compliance

The Authority received and considered a report provided on a range of governance and compliance matters. The Authority endorsed, for the Chair's signature, updated delegation

schedules for the Authority's powers in relation to works approvals and financial operations, following a recent organisational re-structure in the NCA.

The Authority noted there would be a self assessment process undertaken for the June meeting which would enable the Authority to reflect on the way the Authority operates and provide an opportunity to adjust or refine the way the Authority works or is supported.

The Authority noted and discussed the importance and likely scale of work required in addressing sunseting legislation involving the NCA's operations.

Human Resources (HR) Report

The Authority received and discussed an update on human resource matters in the NCA including average staffing levels (ASL) movements, staff mobility, the current APS Review and the forthcoming APSC staff survey.

Finance Report

The Authority received and noted a financial report which included the NCA's financial position at end-March 2019, and current procurement work.

The Authority noted large program of NCA project work on hand.

Forward Agenda

The Authority noted the forward agenda for meetings to be held over the course of 2019. No specific conflicts of interest regarding agenda items for future meetings were identified.

The Authority agreed to discuss a number of projects and proposals being considered by the ACT Government's City Renewal Authority (CRA) relevant to the work of the NCA at the Authority's June meeting.

Presentation – Light Rail Stage 2

The Authority received a presentation from officers from Transport Canberra and City Services (TCCS). The Authority congratulated the presenters for their part in Light Rail Stage 1, which was due to receive final certification that day and to be operating shortly thereafter.

The presentation covered recent developments in the project, key factors guiding the project (especially heritage aspects), the currently preferred route (State Circle East), and next steps and likely timing in the process. The next major step was referral for Department of Environment and Energy for an assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The discussion covered over further details on the preferred route, possible traffic implications, and access to key employment areas and other destinations.

The Authority thanked the representatives from TCCS for their presentation.

Decision

The Authority asked the NCA to write to TCCS to ensure that the NCA be appropriately consulted throughout the development of Light Rail Stage 2 to ensure consideration is given to relevant issues and the project is not unnecessarily delayed.

Presentation – University of New South Wales – Proposed Campus – Design and Development Conditions

The Authority received a presentation by ACT Government representatives on continuing progress in the proposed redevelopment of the site of the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT), Reid Campus, and an adjacent carpark, by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

The presenters noted that the ACT Government is currently considering possible support for the UNSW proposal. The representative thanked the NCA for working closely with the ACT Government on helping develop the relevant design guidelines and planning principles.

The Authority thanked the representatives for their presentation and noted it was looking for consistent, high-quality development along Constitution Avenue.

Presentation – Molonglo Group – Dairy Road Project

The Authority received a presentation by representatives of the Molonglo Group on the Dairy Road Project.

The presentation covered an overview of the 14.3ha precinct that includes around 5.4ha covered by NCA planning requirements. The Group is currently pursuing a change in the land use zoning of the area and the development of a Precinct Code and Development Control Plan.

The Authority discussed a range of issues related to the development including transport linkages and access to services.

The Authority thanked the representatives for an engaging presentation and discussion, and wished them well in advancing their development proposal. The Authority noted it would consider a Development Control Plan for the site in due course.

Presentation – Australian Institute of Architects – Proposed Demolition of Anzac Hall

The Authority received representations by representatives of the Australian Institute of Architects regarding concerns about the proposed demolition of Anzac Hall as part of the redevelopment of the Australian War Memorial.

Decision

The Authority asked the NCA to prepare a letter to the Institute outlining key roles and responsibilities, and the processes related to the re-development, including opportunities for community consultation.

Chief Executive Report

The Authority received a detailed report from the Chief Executive covering a range of strategic matters that have commenced or progressed since the previous Authority meeting.

The Authority discussed elements of the presented report including a successful tour of Canberra highlights organised for the incoming United States Ambassador, progress in repairs to the Captain Cook Memorial Jet, a fireworks incident at Skyfire, and the launch of the ACT Tourism Awards held at the National Exhibition Centre.

Regatta Point Restaurant (formally known as The Deck)

NCA officers presented the prepared paper on the redevelopment of the Regatta Point restaurant. The officers went over key aspects of the proposal, including potential design elements, financial implications, and the principal aims and drivers of the project.

The Authority discussed the potential of the site including its central location, extraordinary views and heritage value. The Authority noted the importance of a good design outcome and having a successful relationship with the venue operator.

The Authority agreed to the progress the proposal as presented.

The Carillon Turns 50 in 2020

NCA officers provided the Authority with an update of proposed works at the Carillon and Aspen Island.

The Authority welcomed the proposed works and the associated commemoration event, when works are complete.

Decision

The Authority asked the NCA to brief the British High Commission about the proposed works and seek their interest in being involved in the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Carillon.

Land Use at Gold Creek Village

NCA officers presented the prepared paper on a request to change the land use policy for a site in the Gold Creek complex to permit an aged care facility at the site.

Following discussion and consideration, the Authority determined that it did not agree with the request for a change in land use policy for this site, noting its location within the hills, ridges and buffer space element of the National Capital Plan.

Decision

The Authority asked the NCA to advise the proponent of the Authority's decision and reasons for not agreeing to a change in the land use policy for the Gold Creek site.

Media and Communications Report

The Authority received and noted the Media and Communications Report, which included which included key media coverage of NCA-related issues.

Works Approval Report

The Authority received and noted the Works Approval Report, which included an update on key current developments and recent processing rates.

Events and Place Activation Report

The Authority received and noted the Events and Place Activation report, which included information on a range of planned and potential events for National Land, and event facilitation work being undertaken to prepare venue site maps.

Strategic Planning Report

The Authority received and noted the information set out in the Strategic Planning Report, which provided an overview of key development proposals and related work, including on the former CSIRO Headquarters in Campbell, National Capital Plan Amendment 91 – City and Gateway Urban Design Provisions, planned works at the Australian National University, and Hume Circle.

Major Projects Committee Report

The Authority received and noted the report on the work of the Major Projects Committee, which included details of key projects being undertaken by the NCA.

Other business

The Authority noted correspondence recently received regarding Amendment 91, which noted some concerns about the Amendment, particularly relating to development proposals currently being assessed or before a judicial review process.

The Authority noted its next regular meeting is scheduled for 18 June 2019.