

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING, 12 April 2016**
held at Walmsley House, Gatehouse Street at 7.30pm

	Item	Action
1	Attendees	
	Committee: Rob Moore (RM) Rob Krelle (RK) Helen Weston (HW) Gerry Noonan (GN) Anne Phefley (AN) Dave Collins (DC) Krina Smith (KS) Brendan Smith (BS)	Members: Brenda Frok (BF)
2	Apologies	
	David McGregor (DM)	
3	<p>Guest Speakers – Anna Mitchell and David Hubber from APA Group which operates the local gas network on behalf of Australian Gas Networks and has been undertaking mains renewal and installation of regulators on each property. Anna and David had been invited by GN to discuss the Committee's concerns about the safety and heritage impacts of a number of gas regulators recently installed in South Parkville.</p> <p>Anna noted that APA has reviewed all installations in South Parkville and its engineers have suggested solutions for all 'problematic' installations (about 25 in total) that will provide adequate protection from vehicle impacts and appropriate aesthetics relative to the heritage character of the area. In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- nine regulators could be relocated back into the relevant properties;- a further 10 regulators which are currently 'low level' installations could be relocated at a higher level with adequate protection by steel capping which would protrude 140mm from the wall;- six for which there is no other solution than the current situation – however, a 'wall recess' option will be investigated. <p>Installation of regulators in underground boxes in the rear lanes was not considered by APA to be a viable option based on experience in North Carlton due to boxes flooding and interrupting supply.</p> <p>APA sought the Association's views on the remaining 'problem' regulators and provided hard copy listing of these and committed to supplying copies of relevant standards (AS 4645 and 5601) and design of recess option.</p> <p>RM thanked Anna and David for their attendance and willingness to discuss options.</p>	
	The Committee meeting opened at 8.27pm. The President welcomed Dave Collins as a new Committee Member and thanked Rob Krelle for his three year term as President.	Noted



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4	Minutes of meeting 9 February 2016	
	<p>Motion: That the Minutes be accepted as an accurate and complete record.</p> <p>Matters arising: All covered in other Agenda items.</p>	1 GN 2 RK
5	Correspondence (not elsewhere covered)	
	<p>In – Carlton Association Newsletter Carlton Historical Association newsletter</p> <p>Out – 12 April - Email from HW to City of Melbourne, Ellen Sandell MLA and CityLink re proposed removal of five Lemon Scented Gums in Flemington Road;</p>	
6	Treasurer's report	
6.1	<p>Report HW reported that the balance in the cheque account is approximately \$14,507. Recent income from membership subscriptions, outgoings related to website, PO box renewal, AGM expenses and hire of Walmsley House.</p>	Noted
6.2	<p>Bank account signatories It was agreed to remove Anne Newton as a signatory and add/confirm RM, HW GN, BS and RK as signatories</p>	HW to arrange
6.3	<p>Public liability insurance renewal HW reported that the PL insurance is due for renewal soon. Quote from current insurer and the other one obtained last year are to be checked to see if they include coverage for officers' liability</p>	GN/RK
7	Governance	
7.1	<p>Need for Treasurer HW to continue for the time being with support from other Committee members as/when required.</p>	HW
7.2	<p>Response to issues raised at AGM re Rules HW to highlight differences between old PA Constitution and new Rules adopted at the AGM for members' information.</p>	HW
8	Heritage and planning issues	
8.1	<p>Planning applications 144 Park Drive Request to VCAT for review of Council's decision to issue a permit submitted by PA and four neighbours. A Compulsory Conference is to be held at VCAT on 27 May.</p> <p>There was extensive discussion about the principles at stake in relation to this application and others currently under consideration. Views expressed included that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there are Parkville wide issues at stake; - in relation to VCAT appeals, the immediate neighbours should bear the cost as they are the most directly affected; - the PA has set the precedent of spending Association funds on appeals in relation to heritage protection – the reason the Association was initially formed in the 1970s. <p>Motion: that GN obtain an estimate of costs from planner (Daniel Soussan from Tract) for representation at Compulsory Conference and</p>	Moved AP 2nded GN

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	<p>VCAT hearing and consult with relevant neighbours about their approach to VCAT conference and hearing and report back to the Committee for its consideration.</p> <p>116 Gatehouse Street – Having lodged an application on behalf of the Association for review of Council’s decision to issue a planning permit for this property without the Association’s agreement, KS and BS indicated their willingness to pay VCAT fee. Issues of concern in relation to this application include the visual impact on levers Reserve (Level 2 streetscape) of a double storey building backing onto the Reserve and reduction in sunlight in neighbours’ rear yards.</p> <p>DC offered to prepare a short strategy for the May meeting about the basis for the Association objecting to planning permit applications and seeking VCAT review of decisions to issue permits.</p> <p>Motion: that the Association should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support the application for review by VCAT lodged by BS and KS on behalf of the Association (noting that KS and BS will pay the application fee): - obtain some planning advice; and - advise David McGregor of this decision. <p>18-20 Fitzgibbon Street – Council’s Planning Officer verbally advised today that a Notice of Determination to issue a permit was anticipated to be approved next week after the applicant agreed in writing to a number of changes to reduce overlooking and overshadowing impacts. GN advised that the immediate neighbours are monitoring this application so no further PA action required at this stage.</p> <p>128-130 Gatehouse Street – as per this item at December meeting - VCAT Hearing was held in March 2016.</p>	<p>Carried</p> <p>DC</p> <p>Moved RK 2nded AP Carried</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>
8.2	<p>Planning Policy Submissions Local Heritage Policy Review HW lodged submission on 5 February 2016.</p> <p>Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee HW lodged submission on 16 March 2016 – indicative date for Association to present to the Hearing is week beginning 25 April.</p> <p>Letter to City of Melbourne CEO re assessment of planning applications Response received from Ben Rimmer inviting the Association to contact Angela Meinke, Manager Planning and Building to arrange meeting.</p>	<p>HW to arrange meeting</p>
8	Traffic and parking issues	
9.1	<p>Meeting with Council's traffic engineers BF noted that she had approached Haig Poulsen about arranging a meeting with Council’s Traffic Engineers to discuss traffic, transport and parking issues. A key issue is involvement in planning for the Melbourne Metro station in Grattan Street.</p>	<p>BF to arrange meeting</p>
9.2	<p>Results of parking surveys BF advised that Council (Ross Goddard) has not completed weekend parking surveys.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
9.3	<p>Construction of upgraded roundabout at Park Drive and Storey Street</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	Updated plan of design received. Construction commenced last week	
9.4	<p>Flemington Road/Mount Alexander Road interchange – removal of Lemon Scented Gums</p> <p>HW reported on a request from West Parkville residents for assistance in opposing the planned removal this week of five lemon scented gum trees from the median strip in Flemington Road as part of the Citylink widening. At RM's request, HW had emailed the City Council, Citylink and Ellen Sandell, MLA expressing PA's concern about the proposed tree removal.</p> <p>HW reported on a phone discussion with Mary Anne Lane (Community Relations officer from CPB contractors) in response to the email sent. Mary Anne indicated that all reasonable design options for the intersection upgrading had been exhausted last year in discussion variously with City of Melbourne, VicRoads and the National Trust. Options considered included compulsory acquisition of houses, removal and relocation of the trees, and (the agreed option) removal and paying the Council an undisclosed 'amenity value' for greening elsewhere in Parkville. The 'reharvested' wood from the trees would be used in Kensington for a use such as park furniture. Mary Anne indicated that the local residents had been contacted in March re the timing of nearby works including removal of the trees. There was an opportunity for the PA to be involved in the greening as a result of the 'amenity value' payment to Council. The layout of the intersection is finalised.</p> <p>Mary Anne also noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Lennon Street egress which currently provides connection to Boundary Road would be closed as part of the final alignment for the widening of Citylink for safety reasons and to reduce 'rat running'.. This had been discussed with West Parkville residents. - there will be minor amendments to the bike lanes through the intersection. <p>After discussion and based on the above information, it was decided to notify representatives of West Parkville residents that there appeared to be no meaningful action that the Association could undertake.</p>	
10	Parkville Association – the future	
10.1	<p>Membership drive</p> <p>Based on the current register of members, the Association has approximately 90 current members. It was noted that Life Members should support events.</p> <p>It was noted that a more up to date membership flyer is needed to attract new members.</p>	
10.2	<p>Sponsorships</p> <p>The possibility of a Corporate membership category was raised with possibility of discounts for Association members. Also engagement with real estate agents active in the Parkville area to increase awareness of heritage protection issues.</p>	Noted
10.3	<p>Communications issues</p> <p>RM and HW will meet with Grace O'Mahoney to discuss website updates and improvements in the short term.</p> <p>Options for distribution of the Newsletter were discussed – move to electronic distribution with limited hard copies for members not on email</p>	RM/HW

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	and availability from venues such as Parkville Store or Post Office.	
11	Events	
11.1	Events for 2016 RM reported that he had met with Kevin Tanner, Director of Melbourne Zoo, who offered to host a drinks event for the Association at the Zoo. HW will approach the Wimble Street Child Care centre re the Association being involved in the Centre's fair in October KS noted the need for family activities during daytime hours and it was suggested that she should organise such an event.	RM HW KS
12	General business	
	No general business raised.	
	Meeting closed at 10.40 pm	
	Next meeting – Tuesday, 10 May 2016 at 7.30 pm at Walmsley House	