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Neighborhood Character Study

MEG representatives Ann Reid and Rémy Favre attended the first meeting of the Committee on August 17. Consultants for Council outlined the study and its purpose and exhibited photographs submitted by volunteers showing the best and worst examples of development across the municipality. Since that meeting the Study Team has conducted a detailed survey of all residential areas in Stonnington. Every residential street has been surveyed and the key features of each neighborhood recorded.

From this survey draft Precincts have been identified. Issues Papers produced include a description of the Precinct, the key community values recorded at the workshops and identification of issues and **threats to the neighborhood character.**

The second meeting re this study was on September 14 and at the end of September Committee members have been asked to provide feedback on the handouts from that meeting.

Draft Eastern Regional Housing Statement.

Public feedback is requested by the Department of Sustainability and Environment regarding this statement. For us it covers the Eastern part of Stonnington, which includes Malvern, Glen Iris and Malvern East. The estimated population growth in the period 2001--2031 for this area is 3,800. This means that an extra 2,600 dwellings are to be built.

A copy of the draft is available for viewing at Council Offices, libraries and DSE Planning Information Centre or on line at:
www.melbourne2030.vic.gov.au

Melbourne 2030 Website...(NOT the Government website!)

The Melbourne 2030 Portal is a community website of residents, for residents and by residents of Melbourne.

<http://www.melbourne2030.org.au>

The Portal allows you to:

- Stay informed about what's happening with M2030 in and out of your suburb.
- Learn from the experience of other groups when dealing with M2030.
- Contribute your views and expertise to help other groups.

You can contribute news, views, expertise by either posting directly to the Melbourne 2030 portal or by sending an email to:

melbourne_2030@yahoo.com.au

If you do not have access to a computer, send your views to MEG at 14 Chanak St. Malvern East and we will email it for you.

VCAT Appeals

The appeals regarding **12 Maroora St.** and **10 McGregor St.** were both lost. No concessions beyond some conditions previously put by Council were made to residents who objected to the developments. The 11 residents at the McGregor St. appeal were incensed at the manner in which they were treated by the tribunal chairman.

62 Sycamore St. was refused by Stonnington Planning Department under delegation and the applicant immediately lodged an appeal to VCAT. As yet no date has been set for the hearing.

A Permit was refused for 2 dwellings on a single lot at **6 Steele St** and an appeal was lodged against Refusal. The hearing was on September 13.

A Permit was issued for 2 dwellings on a single lot at **15 Kardella St.** The applicant appealed against Conditions of Permit and a Mediation Hearing was due on Sept.6 but the matter was settled prior to this date.

At **333 Wattletree Rd.** a Permit was refused for the construction of a single storey townhouse fronting White St. with 2 car spaces in basement accessed from Wattletree Rd. An appeal was lodged and the hearing is listed for November 10.

313 Waverley Rd. (Student Accom. on the corner of Waverley & Darling)...The applicant appealed "Against Conditions" re an extra application for balconies on the Waverley Rd. units. At the Mediation Hearing Council's conditions were varied. Applicant does not have to put screens between the balconies and a solid balustrade must be erected the whole length of the 1st floor south facing decking.

23 Storeys For The Corner Of Derby & Dandenong Rds

Councillor Anne O'Shea has sent an Information Sheet to some residents of Stonnington who may be affected by this proposed monolith, which exceeds the tallest Monash academic building by 13 storeys (6 storeys higher than the controversial tower at Micham).

The application has not yet been advertised by Glen Eira Council. The Major Projects Planner is Ms Seuna Byrne (9524 3319) and she will be main contact regarding this proposal.

A summary of the application and the history of the 7 and 10 storey Monash buildings can be found on the City of Glen Eira web page under Major Projects. This proposal comprises a podium to Level 5 and an elliptical tower from Level 6 to 22. It will be 71.99m high. There is car parking in the basement and on all levels to Level 5. Levels 2 to 12 have offices, function room, hotel rooms, gymnasium and pool & terrace. Levels 13-22 have 120 apartments. A porte cochere in Dandenong Rd. will provide **elegant access** to the building! If this is permitted by Glen Eira Council it will set a precedent for development within the parameters of the Major Activity Centres of Caulfield and Carnegie and the Principal Activity Centre of Chadstone and these parameters take in large parts of Malvern East.

Planning Applications

The proliferation of applications for dual occupancy continues in East Ward. In

Malvern East there are applications for 26 Arcadia Place and 16 Wilmot St.

These applications constantly erode the area of permeable surface putting extra pressure on already overloaded drains and slowly removing the green canopy because there is never enough space left on the block for the planting of canopy trees.

Interim Height Controls

On September 19 Council voted to ask the Minister to approve height controls for the Waverley Road Malvern East Neighborhood Activity Centre. This starts at the intersection of Dandenong Rd. on the south side and Douglas St. on the north and extends east just past Emo Rd. Details of the proposed 15m and 9.5m height controls can be obtained from the Notice Paper for Sept.19 Council Meeting, either on the website or the library.

If the Minister grants the Interim Controls, will this mean that we have set 'target heights' for this area?

DOES ANYONE KNOW MATTHEW KNIGHT WHO WRITES SO KNOWLEDGEABLY IN THE LOCAL PAPER ABOUT M2030? If SO WOULD YOU ASK HIM TO RING 9572 3205?

Website

Have you visited the MEG website yet?
<http://home.people.net.au/~meghome.php>

*MORE MEMBERS – BIGGER VOICE!
A larger group will allow us to be a more effective voice for Malvern East residents in dealing with planning issues. There is strength in numbers. The cost of Membership is \$5. To join, contact Ann on 9572 3205, or Rémy on 9569 3199 (BH), or send an e-mail to meg@chezsamuel.com*

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