

Malvern East Group

Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Date held: 18th October, 2006
Venue: Northbrook House, Malvern
Present: MEG Working Group Members: Scott Samuel (Chair), Ann Reid (Convenor), Jackie Chilvers, June Halls, Rémy Favre (Treasurer)
MEG Members and Guests

1. MEETING OPENED

Mr Samuel declared the Malvern East Group (MEG) AGM open at 7.40 pm. He welcomed the City of Stonnington representatives and thanked the Council for the use of Northbrook House for four functions during 2006/2007

2. CONVENORS REPORT

Ms Reid delivered the Convenor's Report, including the background, current activities and objectives of MEG. Ms Reid acknowledged the inclusion of MEG in Stonnington Council's Community Grants Scheme and receipt of \$110 from same.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr Favre presented the 2005/2006 Accounts, including 62 MEG memberships and Members' funds of \$239.35 as at 30/06/06.

4. FUTURE STRUCTURE OF MEG

Mr Samuel proposed a vote on whether MEG should incorporate and form a committee or retain its current informal structure. A number of Working Group members expressed their preference for the current structure.

There were no votes in favour of incorporation.

The following comments on future development were made:

- Scott Samuel proposed the introduction of Cell Groups or Area Representatives with responsibility for small, defined areas within East Malvern.
- Trevor Rasmussen proposed development of a MEG information sheet for letterbox delivery in order to increase local awareness of MEG. Also that MEG subscription should be increased to \$10 or \$20.
- Rémy Favre pointed out the increased time commitment and management required for a larger MEG, and that Working Group members should be aware of this.

- Ann Reid proposed Matthew Knight for the position of Press Secretary.
- Mary Drost advised that BRAG subscription is \$20 for individuals and \$35 for families.
- Scott Samuel requested more Working Group members if MEG is to grow.
- Cr Anne O'Shea suggested increasing membership by emailing those who contact MEG on planning issues.
- Norm Warway proposed an advertisement in local newspapers to increase MEG awareness.
- Ann Reid advised that media releases had been supplied to Leader Newspapers, but had not been published.

5. LOCAL PLANNING STORIES

5.1 REG HUNT SITE

Ron Syle presented the history and current status of this site.

- Original proposal by Council was to use the site to increase adjacent parkland.
- A six-storey residential development of 65 apartments was subsequently proposed for site.
- East Malvern Action Group formed.
- Council refused Planning application.
- Developer (Malvern East Property Pty Ltd) appealed to VCAT and Planning approval granted with two years to develop site.
- One year extension granted until June 2007.
- Development not commenced as at October, 2006.

5.2 16 WILMOT STREET

Laurie Coyne presented the history and current status of this development

- The majority of Wilmot Street properties are single storey Californian bungalows.
- Two x two storey 3-bedroom townhouses proposed by developer
- Development supported by Council Planning Office, but Planning approval refused at Council meeting by 7 to 2.
- Developer appealed to VCAT.
- 20 residents' objections lodged at VCAT
- VCAT refused Planning approval
- Developer revised plans and re-applied to VCAT.
- Residents awaiting advice of hearing date.

Mr Coyne confirmed the benefit of visible opposition to development through the use of 'We oppose inappropriate development' signs.

5.3 313 WAVERLEY ROAD (CNR DARLING ROAD)

Sally Davis presented the history of this development

- Development of 43 apartments and 6 shops proposed, with 17 parking spaces.
- 120 objections received, mainly re parking and character issues.
- Consultative meeting held, with rowdy and vigorous objectors attending.

- Planning application refused by Council, despite Planning Department support.
- Developer went to VCAT and Council Planning refusal overruled.
- Construction now complete.
- Cr Anne O'Shea advised that developer has applied for a Change of Use for the property.
- Pizza shop window has been broken twice.

5.4 MONASH CAULFIELD

Crs Anne O'Shea and Judy Hindle presented the history and current status of this development in the City of Glen Eira.

- Stage One now complete
- Stage Two proposed for area currently occupied by Coles and shops, including five buildings and underground shopping centre, with parking.
- The development is proposed on land that has been both purchased and donated by Government.
- Accommodation for 400 students proposed with no parking facilities.
- Development currently being assessed by the State Government's Priority Development Panel with a view to change the zoning of the site.
- Awaiting outcome of this assessment.

6. MEETING CLOSED

Mr Samuel declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.