

CoRBA - Melbourne
Coalition of Resident and Business Associations

Carlton Residents Association Inc.; Collins Street Precinct; Docklands Chamber of Commerce; Docklands Residents Association; East Enders Inc.; East Melbourne Group Inc.; Flemington Association; Hosier Inc.; Kensington Association; Melbourne South Yarra Group Inc.; North and West Melbourne Association Inc.; Parkville Association Inc.; Parkville Gardens Residents; Residents 3000 Inc.; Southbank Residents Association Inc.; Yarra Park Association; The Pasley Streets Precinct Group; Wilkinson Publishing; Yarra Park Association

MINUTES

CORBA MEETING WEDNESDAY 8th August 2018 AT 6PM
Venue: Kathleen Syme Library & Community Centre
251, Faraday Street, Carlton. (Meeting Room 4)

1/ Welcome, Apologies & Attendance.

Apologies: Michael Kennedy, Ian Mitchell.

Present: Phil Lukies, Bill Cook, Shelley Faubel (representing EMG) Yolande Leonardi.

Chair: Bill Cook

Minutes: Yolande Leonardi

Meeting Start: 6.10 pm.

2/ Confirmation of last minutes of 9th May 2018

Moved Shelley: Seconded Bill: Carried

3/ Matters arising from previous minutes

Local Govt. By-Election follow up.

Short discussion took place and mention was made of "dummy candidates" which did not help the many who had to listen to single issue speeches at events.

4/ Correspondence

(a) Air Services Amendment Bill

Shelley summarised what transpired at the Senate Hearing conducted in Melbourne. EMG submitters felt positive about the detailed hearing and await the report due on 16th August. A meeting took place with the Lord Mayor who said, as it is a "whole of Melbourne problem on issues of Safety & Security..."she would contact the CEO of the MCG. The LM has also made a (late) submission to the senate hearing and will meet with EMG after the report is out.

Further concerns from EMG:

(a) Easier access to council information and research concerning air traffic over the city which has been withheld so far.

(b) Yarra Park – concern over re- development of a football oval on the NE corner

© Also regarding a 6 storey development over the Jolimont railway lines.

(d) EMG is also requesting 40kph speed limits. Currently Landsdowne Street is a 60kph carriageway.

(b) New Contacts for CoRBA

Those present felt that these were business association contacts, some of whom are already members of CoRBA such as Docklands Chamber & Collins Street Precinct. The rest are represented in other arenas and should not be pursued. North & West Melbourne Precinct Association have not been interested in joining the residents' association in the past.

5/ Council Reform & The State Election

The Media Release from the Andrews govt. regarding political donations has been circulated. Bill spoke to this. He mentioned Ken Coghill of Monash having supported this as strengthening democracy.

Bill questioned whether we should be more active in advocating for similar reforms in Local Govt. Should we re-energize by actively talking to politicians and discussing issues such as 2 business votes to 1 resident vote? Also Wards.

Action: Yolande to speak with Michael Kennedy and Cr. Watts for advice on delegations to Govt. & Opposition regarding Local Govt. reform.

6/ Planning

C308 and "better looking buildings and interface with the public realm". This planning amendment relates to The Hoddle Grid & Southbank. Yolande summarized that "Friends of the Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens" are making a submission requesting that special consideration be given to the Buffer & Environs zone of the World Heritage site, both of which are contained in the Northern perimeter of the Hoddle Grid, and have potential to adversely affect the World Heritage site which is in Carlton.

7/ Membership

Yolande raised the question of whether we should change our membership structure to (a) small and (b) large membership groups and whether we should change our fee structure to reflect this. Our current fees are \$50.00 per group. However there are a couple of single membership groups who question having to pay this amount but enjoy receiving our bulletins and news. Those present voted to keep the status quo and Bill will contact those who might be in arrears.

Action: Yolande will ask all members for feedback.

Treasurer Report: Bill reported that we have funds of \$1707.36, our expenses being for the website. He suggested we increase the Web Manager's remuneration from \$500.00 per year to \$ 750.00 and those present agreed.

8/CoRBA – Reason for Poor Attendance at CorBA meetings.

Consensus was that the venue is not convenient for members, which gave rise to the question of whether we should lobby for a return to Melbourne Town Hall. This will be further investigated, and it was suggested that we speak with Cr. Watts as to how best to achieve this.

9/ General Business

None.

10/ Meeting Close. The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.
Next Meeting will be Wednesday 14th November 2018. Venue to be decided.