

DRAFT MINUTES

Development Chapter: Tuesday, 25th July 2006

VIC 12:30

Present: Ian McNamee, Bill Baker, Adrian Makeham-Kirchner, Craig Harris, John Walker, Ross Barrett, Maurice McCormack, Rod Studholme, Simon Mitchell-Taverner.

1. **Apologies:** Loyd Perin, Kathy Howard, Geoff Bird.

2. **Water:** Following the Commission of Enquiry, Bill Baker prepared a submission for discussion by QBC Member stakeholders and has discussed changes to the MoU with an Advisor to Federal Member Hon. Gary Nairn MP. There will be no new documentation regarding the water agreement but rather an exchange of letters regarding the three major wording changes – including the change of “ACT may provide water” to “ACT will provide water”. Continuing concern was expressed that the Settlement Agreement (that does not include Federal Government), still gives ACT government effective veto opportunities over NSW planning approvals.

Resolved CH/BB that QBC representatives meet with Minister Frank Sartor during the Queanbeyan Cabinet visit on 1st August and that Bill Baker prepare a supplementary letter to the Commission of Enquiry following changes to MoU.

Actions: SMT to send meeting Application form. **BB** to prepare Supplementary letter.

Further Resolved RB/CH that, when Commission makes known its findings, QBC meet with Hon. Gary Nairn MP to establish what happens if NSW agrees to development and ACT says no.

Meeting was advised that **National Party leader Andrew Stoner** would be meeting with local leaders in Queanbeyan on 9th August.

2. **Roads** – This was agreed to be a follow-on from the water issue.

Resolved that QBC supports Edwin Land Parkway as number 1 priority and Northern Bypass number 2.

Further resolved that a meeting be sought with Roads Minister during the Queanbeyan Cabinet visit on 1st August and that Bill Baker prepare a brief for the meeting.

Actions: SMT to send meeting Application form. **BB** to prepare brief.

3. **Al Fresco Dining – One way streets submission** – John Walker commented that his submission was designed to raise the issue of Al Fresco dining and main streets improvements rather than push for a one way street solution as such. Agreed submission raised larger issues:
- **Where is the CBD Master Plan promised for so long?**
 - **Where is the LEP?**
 - **What timetables does QCC envisage for Main Streets improvements?**

Resolved that John Walker’s proposal be submitted to Council for consideration in CBD Master Planning process seeking QCC’s solutions for Al Fresco dining.

Action: JW

Further Resolved that the above questions be included in the meeting with Council (currently scheduled for 5 pm 15th August).

Action – SMT to include in letter to QCC confirming the meeting. This letter to be reviewed by **BB and IMcN**.

4. **QBC Signs – Maurie McCormack** will produce 3 or 4 signs “We are a Member – Are You” for placement outside selected prominent member premises including new member St Vincent DePaul and existing members Baker Deane & Nutt and riverside plaza. This is part of a campaign to target small business and retail membership which need more representation.

Action: MMcC

5. **General Business -**

- a. **Steve Whan benefit function – Resolved** that QBC be represented by three representatives funded from QBC. QBC should also be represented at other candidates benefit functions to ensure even-handedness.
- b. **Membership Contact - Resolved** that members need to be kept informed of what QBC is trying to do.
- c. **Australian Technical College** – Ross Barrett reported that the three groups interested in achieving a Queanbeyan college are talking to each other. Whilst there are no sureties at this stage, efforts are still being made. Ian McNamee advised that QBC formally supports a College in Queanbeyan. There have been a number of phone calls in recent times of a positive nature.
- d. **Cabinet Meeting Queanbeyan** – Whilst meeting requests with Minister Sartor and Minister for Roads are to be forwarded (see item 2 above), Advice was received that member for Monaro, Steve Whan MP, had arranged for QBC Executive to meet with Treasurer Michael Costa”. **Ian McNamee, Bill Baker and Jeremy Wyatt will attend.**

Meeting closed 2.05 pm