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Authority Meeting A2015/8
Public Record

10 December 2015

Members Present

Mr Terry Weber (Chair), Mr Malcolm Snow (Chief Executive), Ms Chris Faulks (Member) and Mr Glenn Keys (Member).

This was the eighth meeting for 2015.

The following is a public record of the matters discussed at the Authority meeting held on 10 December 2015. As some matters are privileged or confidential, this record follows, but does not completely represent the formal minutes of the meeting.

Canberra Avenue Planning and Design Framework

The NCA controls all development adjacent to Main Avenues through planning provisions in site specific Development Control Plans (DCPs) and works within the road reserve of the Main Avenues through detailed design conditions in the National Capital Plan (the Plan). Canberra Avenue (between Hume Circle and State Circle) is a Main Avenue as defined in the National Capital Plan.

An urban design analysis was completed for the Manuka Circle Precinct to inform the development of a precinct wide draft DCP. This draft DCP proposes statutory controls which seek to achieve the objectives previously agreed to by the Authority. It also proposes changes that aim to improve the integration with the Territory Plan administered by the ACT Government's Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD).

The Decision

The Authority noted the urban design analysis undertaken to inform a draft Development Control Plan for the Manuka Circle precinct. They agreed to the outlined approach for targeted consultation and also agreed to the finalisation of the draft DCP for the Manuka Circle precinct of Canberra Avenue for consultation, pending outcomes of initial consultation with key stakeholders.

Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure Plan

The aim of the Acton Peninsula Precinct Structure Plan is to produce a planning and design framework which identifies the long-term physical planning objectives and priorities for the precinct. The work has been undertaken in coordination with major stakeholders in the precinct. The Structure Plan will form a revised precinct code for the National Capital Plan, guide new capital works which improve the quality of the public realm of Acton Peninsula and its activation, and provide an important strategic planning basis for future public and private investment by both the Commonwealth and ACT Governments.

The Decision

The Authority endorsed the principles proposed by the Acton Peninsula Structure Plan for guiding the future vision for the site, also endorsing the subsequent release of this

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document for public consultation, in coordination with the other Peninsula Partners. The Authority noted the key opportunities identified within the Structure Plan Report to guide future works for investigation, particularly with regard to the Acton Peninsula Waterfront (Stage 1B of West Basin).

Amendment 86: Revised National Capital Plan

On 1 October 2015, the National Capital Authority (NCA) released Draft Amendment 86 – Revised National Capital Plan for public consultation. The consultation period ran for six weeks, concluding on 13 November 2015. Fifty submissions were received from a range of community organisations, residents’ groups, government and individuals.

Following the conclusion of consultation on Draft Amendment 86 – Revised National Capital Plan, the Authority was presented with an outline of the consultation process undertaken by the Authority and a summary of the key issues raised during the consultation process.

The Decision

The Authority endorsed the draft Consultation Report, noting the number of submissions and that the ACT Government had not yet provided their final position on DA86. The proposed changes to the Plan based on consultation outcomes and internal review were approved and it was agreed that Draft Amendment 86 – Revised National Capital Plan could be forwarded to the Minister for consideration, pending the response from the ACT Government.

Strategy for Phase 2 Review of the National Capital Plan

Throughout 2015, the NCA has undertaken a comprehensive review the National Capital Plan (the Plan), the first such review since its inception in 1990. The NCA’s intention throughout this review process has been to change the Plan through a series of amendments to improve transparency and enable adequate discussions with stakeholders. A ‘Strategy for Phase 2 Review of the National Capital Plan’ (the Strategy) was prepared for the Authority’s endorsement to guide the next phase of the Plan review.

The Decision

The Authority noted the Strategy for Phase 2 Review of the National Capital Plan.

Development Conditions for Anzac Park East and West

Following the Australian Government’s decision to divest East and West Blocks and Anzac Park East and West, a master planning process was commenced for the Anzac Park East and West sites. In August 2015, the Authority supported the inclusion of changes relating to land use and building height for Anzac Park East and West into Draft Amendment 86 – Revised National Capital. In recognition of the status and special importance of the sites, the Authority sought assurance that clear, detailed planning and design requirements for the two sites be incorporated into a Development Control Plan.

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The Decision

The Authority noted that development of detailed planning and design conditions for Anzac Park East and West has commenced and that the final draft document will be returned to Authority for consideration in February 2016.

City and Gateway Urban Renewal Strategy

In October 2010, Hassell Ltd was engaged by the ACT Government's Environment and Planning Directorate to undertake the City Plan Implementation and Northbourne Avenue Planning and Design Framework. The purpose of the study is to deliver a number of practical elements to support the transformation and development of the Northbourne Avenue corridor and the city centre.

The City and Gateway Urban Renewal Strategy provides recommendations for transport and urban renewal in areas of interest to the NCA, and which may require changes to the National Capital Plan (the Plan). These include for Main Avenues and Approach Routes and the City Centre. Broader considerations are also flagged for North Canberra, with implications for the General Policy Plan – Metropolitan Canberra.

The Decision

The Authority noted the progress of the ACT Government's City and Gateway Urban Renewal Strategy and the forthcoming release of the Discussion Paper for public consultation.

Consultation Report WA20108 – City to the Lake

On 22 September 2015, the NCA received a WA application from the Land Development Agency (LDA) for the City to the Lake, West Basin Foreshore Works Package 1 – lake reclamation, new wall and site servicing, and Works Package 2 – construction of the landscape foreshore earthworks, hard and soft landscaping, boardwalk, pavilions and associated works. The application (WA20108) was the subject of community consultation.

The Decision

The Authority noted the design of the proposed West Basin Foreshore and the Consultation Report for Works Approval (WA) No 20108. The Authority agreed to publicly release the Consultation Report for WA No 20108.

Consultation Report WA20154 – Construction of boat shed

On 30 October 2015, the NCA received a WA application from Collins Caddaye Architects, on behalf of the Land Development Agency for the construction of a rowing club building and associated works on Block 23 Section 33 Barton on Mendinee Drive, Grevillea Park.

The application (WA20154) was the subject of community consultation between 14 November and 4 December 2015.

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The Decision

The Authority noted the Consultation Report for Works Approval (WA) No 20154 and agreed to publicly release the Consultation Report for WA No 20154.

NCE Redevelopment Update

The National Capital Exhibition (NCE) redevelopment project will see the co-location of the Canberra and Region Visitor Centre (CRVC) within the NCE building. The Authority was given an update and status report on the progress made to advance the works since the last Authority briefing.

The Decision

The Authority noted the progress of the Redevelopment of Regatta Point, NCE to accommodate the CRVC and noted the project timelines.

Westside Place Management Strategy

The Westside temporary installation, managed by ACT Property Group (ACTPG) on behalf of the Land Development Agency (LDA), aims to activate West Basin ahead of the broader City to the Lake project. Works Approval for Westside has been granted until September 2016; however the NCA has expressed an expectation for improvements to be made in relation to the presentation and management of the site.

The Decision

The Authority noted the draft Westside Precinct Management Plan but did not agree to co-branding the Precinct Management Plan. They requested a presentation by the LDA on the progress of the Place Management Strategy in March 2016, with a final decision regarding the extension of the Works Approval to be made in May 2016.

Closed

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 12 February 2016.

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