

TENERIFFE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

AGM Meeting Minutes 20 Nov 2019

Meeting opened 7:00 pm

Committee in Attendance Ben Pritchard (President), Ken Hoy, Michael Fritschi

Apologies Jim Graham, Grace Grace, Vicki Howard, Stephen Harper, Michael Hawke, Brent & Fiona Hawkins, Trevor Evans.

Attendance 17 Residents and members

Annual General Meeting

This being the AGM, the committee stood down and Michael Fox called for nominations for the vacant positions. There being no nominations, the previous committee was re-elected.

Correspondence, Media and Matters Arising

Pets on the Ferries: A successful campaign has resulted in a trial which is yet to be formally announced. Initial reports state that dogs will only be permitted on ferries at certain times and only if they are muzzled. This being a State Government issue, TPA member Judi Jabour will investigate the details further and report back.

Street Corner Jimmy's Licence: From subsequent investigations, the President now understands that the dispute has been confined to complaints from residents in London Woolstores Apartments. Concerns remain over the littering by SCJ customers who are smokers and continue to cause nuisance to local residents in Ethel Street.

BCC Traffic Study: Cr Howard's written message to the TPA stating that she would listen directly to TPA input, particularly regarding Macquarie Street being monopolised by commuter parking. Michael Fritschi also queries many of the study's traffic counts on side roads.

Relationship with Metro Arts: The relationship remains challenging with Metro Arts continuing to make unsubstantiated claims as to TPA "behaviour". Just what that means is baffling, but most likely an attempt to remove TPA permanently from the Shed. The lease clearly states that TPA may continue to use the building for meetings, but MA is insisting that if TPA uses the Shed for any other purpose, it will be at \$70.00 per use. MA may get its way in the long term as the TPA has had some generous offers of venues for its meetings.

It is worth noting that should TPA pay MA for the privilege of using what should be rightly a joint arrangement, the \$70 'rent' plus BBQ food, etc., will eventually cause the TPA to become insolvent. It is therefore imperative that TPA maintain its financial membership numbers to offset such costs.

News from our Elected Representatives

Vicki Howard: Cr Howard provided a written update for the whole of Central Ward in lieu of her attendance. One Teneriffe-related initiative is a call for TPA to provide suggestions re the parking situation along Macquarie Street which currently resembles a "Park & Ride" service for the 199 Bus route.

Other matters include reports on efforts to address the issue of bins being left on the footpath of Vernon Terrace outside London Woolstore, and conversations with the Parks Teams about Hornibrook Park. An update on both items will be provided at the next meeting.

Judi Jabour, representing Grace Grace: Pets on Ferries was the only State Government issue currently affecting Teneriffe. (See above)

Updates on Projects for 2019

QUT students are currently developing a **smartphone App** based on Ben's Teneriffe and surrounds walking 'tours'. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of the academic year. It is proposed to launch the app at the Teneriffe Festival 2020.

Litter Infrastructure Upgrade. General discussion around this matter indicates that more still needs to be done to solve the problem.

Public Art in Teneriffe. Ben asked for members to provide sites that would be suitable for public art and to email them to the TPA for on-forwarding to the BCC.

Hornibrook Park upgrade. TPA again urged BCC to action this item.

Parking Review. As per above, Cr Howard has requested a submission from the TPA.

Development Applications

5 Florence Street. Riye Arai-Coupe, *Bluebird Property* and Frank Licastro, *Frank Developments*, spoke to the meeting outlining their plans to improve the streetscape along with the construction of this small apartment block. The proposal is seen as a good thing for the area and as such the TPA supports the endeavour.

Other Business

Road Works. This subject generated much discussion, particularly with respect to the impact the road works have had and continue to have on local businesses. Unfortunately, there is no solution as compensation is not offered to affected businesses. All the TPA can suggest is that members and residents go out of their way to support these businesses wherever possible.

Christmas Drinks and Year End wrap up. To be held between 3:00pm and 6:00pm on Sunday 1 December, at the poolside BBQ area at Winchcombe Carson Woolstore. Access via the Florence Street gate (near the junction with Dath Street). In the spirit of the holidays, all TPA Members – financial and lapsed – plus friends, are invited. BYO drinks and a plate. The venue is a pool area, so no glassware is permitted. Plastic glasses and cans only, please.

Meeting Closed 7.50pm

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Find TPA on Facebook by searching for either Teneriffe Progress Association or Friends of Florence Street

Next Meeting Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.00pm Venue: 5 Florence Street, courtesy of *Frank Developments*. Further details to be circulated prior to the meeting.

For general interest the following Tenerife-specific statistics were provided by Ray White Estate Agents.

Population 5335

Median Age 33-34

Private dwellings 3032

Houses 11%

Semi-detached/Townhouses 1.3%

Units 78%

Others 9.8%