



## COMMUNITY ALLIANCE S.A. – MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 5 November 2020 at the Burnside Community Centre

1. **Acknowledgements** – acknowledgement of Kurna people, Hon Vickie Chapman MP, Hon Mark Parnell MLC
2. **Apologies** – Mayor Anne Monceaux; Jayne Stinson MP

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Brett De Hoedt**, an expert in advocacy campaigns, Zoomed in from Melbourne – Brett has run campaigns ranging in scale from neighbourhood to national. His greatest success came in 2019 when the Our City, Our Square campaign kept an Apple superstore out of Federation Square. Tonight we benefited from Brett's successes (and failures), as he talked about goals, campaign branding, messaging, petitions, tactics and building a team. Brett's presentation was followed by a short Q&A after his presentation. Specialises in the not for profit sector and his presentation was a reminder to CASA about components of successful campaigns. Free booklet will be made available to members.

**Attorney General, the Hon Vickie Chapman MP**, provided the meeting with an update on the Planning & Design Code. After a re-shuffle in July this year, Planning was added to her portfolio. The Minister shared her goals for planning in South Australia and provided an update on the implementation of the new Planning and Design Code due to go live early next year, with another draft recently made public. Her presentation was very well received, and gratitude expressed that finally a Minister was listening and some of the key areas of concern (eg contributory items schedule) are being addressed.

There was a 15 minutes break for refreshments.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting – commenced at 9:15pm

#### 1. ATTENDANCE

(see attached)

**Apologies:** Ros Islip, FOCUS; Stephanie Johnson, Adelaide Parklands Preservation Society; Jim Dunk NRA, Jim Douglas WACRA, Lilian Henschke Burnside Historical Society

#### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM Wednesday 6 November 2019:

Moved: David Cree    Seconded: Carol Bailey

## 2. President's Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and while not read out in full on the evening (due to limited time, due to previous interesting discussions with the Minister) but is attached. She outlined that there had been a lot of wins and a lot of fun along the way. She thanked all for hard work and incredible effort. Warren Jones was acknowledged in relation to the impact of the parliamentary petition, and Hon Mark Parnell's assistance with Parliamentary processes was also acknowledged. Christel outlined that the Association has 32 member groups and thanked all those who donated to the organisation – these were listed in her report and read out at the meeting. The Facebook page now has 350 followers. The full impact of CASA's advocacy will be known by what is now in the revised Code.

*Report accepted* by Sue Whittington NRA, Seconded by Meredith Ide, Burnside Residents Association

*Special thanks* were then extended to Christel Mex, who has served as the President for 2 years and is now retiring as President.

## 4. Treasurer's Financial Report 2020

Presented by Tom with recording appreciation of donations received which totalled approximate \$3000. The money has been spent on insurance, and paying for the submission prepared by Iris the Planning Code. All financial information is now on a spread sheet developed by Tom.

*Motion passed* – to review financial statement, MOVED Lizzie Crisp, Seconded – Annette Haridan. CARRIED

Membership fees – proposed to be increased to \$45  
Moved- MOVED Annette H, seconded Laura Pier, CARRIED

Note - membership is due financial year July 1. 2020– June 30, 2021

## 5. Endorsement of new member groups

- Mitcham Historical Society
- Inner West Residents group

*Moved to accept the new groups* – MOVED Ron Bellchambers, Secunder Andrew Dyson CARRIED

It was also noted that Save our Suburbs has now wound up and they were thanked for their generous donation.

## 6. Election of Officers and Committee:

Mr. Laurence Gellon of Mt. Barker Residents Association, took the Chair as Returning Officer and explained to all that under the Constitution nominees needed to nominate 14 days prior to this meeting. A retiring committee member shall be able to stand for re-election (14 days is waived). There is one vote to each Group.

The following committee members renominated for the next year:

- Christel Mex
- Thomas Matthews
- Lilian Henschke
- Elizabeth Vines
- Iris Iwanicki
- Janet Scott

New Committee elected as follows:

**Executive:**

- *President* - Dr. Iris Iwanicki, Nominated Tom Mathews, Seconded - Carol Bailey CARRIED
- *Vice President* – Elizabeth Vines - Nominated Iris Iwanicki, Seconded Annette Harridan CARRIED
- *Secretary* - Christel Mex, Nominated by Tom Matthews, seconded Meredith Ide CARRIED
- *Treasurer* – Tom Mathews, Nominated by Iris Iwanicki , seconded Carol Bailey CARRIED

**Committee:**

- Cr. Lilian Henschke nominated by Iris Iwanicki, seconded Tom Mathews CARRIED

**The following members volunteered to fill casual vacancies, to be confirmed by the committee:**

Kevin O Leary  
 Annette Haridan  
 Elizabeth Rushbrook  
 Margaret Ann Copeland

**Other roles:**

- Minutes Secretary - Liz Vines
- Conservation Council Rep: Ms. Carol Bailey, nominated by Tom Mathews, seconded Lizzie Crisp.
- Conservation Council - Environmental sub-committee (ESC planning): Iris Iwanicki moved Christel Mex, seconded Carol Bailey
- Public officer to be appointed by Committee

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION**

*Presentation by Christel Mex to Tom Matthews, first life member of CASA - Tom was presented with a clock with inscription. Short speech of thanks.*

*Followed by a presentation from Tom Matthews, thanked Christel for her role as President, in particular for professionalising the organisation and rescuing the Association’s website.*

**TASKS REQUIRED RE PLANNING AND DESIGN CODE CONSULTATION PERIOD.**

**Key dates to note -**

- 17<sup>TH</sup> November next at the Joinery, 111 Franklin Street City 7.00pm overview update on Code presentation at the Conservation Council. (numbers limited to not more than 20 re Covic requirements)

- Fortnightly zoom meetings by the State Planning Commission for the public to assist with working through the revised P&D Code, the first of a number being 12<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 7pm, NOTE; people must book attendance on line before the meeting to participate by 11<sup>th</sup> November. Subsequent sessions must be individually booked also -CASA will send around the link and circulate this information.

Recommended that CASA members should concentrate on what residential zonings are in their areas, tree issues and climate change. Note, there has been little/no mention of climate change in the Code which needs to be included.

Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m.

#### Attendees:

First name	Surname	Group name	Attended formal AGM
Jill	Amery	Norwood Residents Assoc	
Annie	Atkinson	Planning consultant	
David	Bagshaw	Change by Design	
David	Baker	Kent Town Residents Assoc	✓
Carol	Bailey	Mt Barker Residents Association	✓
Melissa	Ballantyne	Environment Defenders Office	
Barry	Barber		
Ron	Bellchambers	Brownhill Creek Association	✓
Peggy	Brock	National Trust	
Gerry	Butler	Landcare SA	
Susan & Jeffrey	Collins	South West City Community Association	
Margaret-ann	Copeland	Inner West Residents Assoc	✓
David	Cree	St Peters Residents Assoc	✓
Pauline	Cree	St Peters Residents Assoc	
Elizabeth	Crisp	Prospect Residents Assoc	✓
David	Cruikshank-Boyd	5049 Coastal Community Association	
Robin	Donaldson	Friends of the City of Unley Council Society	
Valdis	Dunis	Friends & Residents of North Adelaide	
Rowena	Dunk	Norwood Residents Assoc	✓
Brian	Donaghy	Friends of Woorabinga	
Andrew	Dyson	Kensington Residents Assoc	✓
Theo	Ellenbroek	Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association	
Norman	Etherington	National Trust SA	
David	Faber	SWCCA	
Chris	Francis	Norwood Residents Assoc	✓
Laurence	Gellon	Mount Barker and District Residents Association	✓
Annette	Haridan	Friends of Willunga Basin	✓
Phillip	Henschke	FOCUS	
John	Hill	Stirling District Residents Association	
George	Hobbs	National Trust	
Meredith	Ide	Burnside Historical Society	✓
Iris	Iwanicki	Friends of Willunga Basin	
Warren	Jones	Friends of the City of Unley Council Society	
Peter	Langhans	Prospect Residents Assoc	✓
Jan	Madsen	History Trust	
Tom	Matthews	Prospect Residents Assoc	

Christel	Mex	Kensington Residents Assoc	
David	Monceaux	Husband, Mayor of Burnside	
Evonne	Moore	Save Our Suburbs	✓
Deborah	Morgan	National Trust SA	
Dian	Naraniecki	FOCUS	
Eddy	Naraniecki	FOCUS	
Mark	Parnell MLC	Parliament	
Darren	Peacock	National Trust SA	✓
Laura	Pieraccini	Residents for Environment and Character Conservation	✓
Allison	Preiss	Resident of Eastwood	
Ian	Radbone	Norwood Residents Assoc	✓
Robert	Riggs	Oaklands Estate Residents Association	
Elizabeth	Rushbrook	South East City Residents Association	✓
Brian	Samuels		
Aaron	Schroeder	City of Burnside	
Janet	Scott	Colonel Light Gardens Residents Assoc	✓
Scott	Sims	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	
Shane	Sody	Adelaide Parklands Preservation Society	
Barbara	Stopp	Norwood Residents Assoc	✓
Elizabeth	Vines	St Peters Residents Assoc	
Joanna	Wells	Speaking for Trees	✓
Carole	Whitelock	Norwood Residents Assoc	
Rochelle	Woodley-Baker	Kent Town Residents Association	✓
Ken	Irvine	Norwood Residents Assoc	
Susan	Whittington	City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters	✓
Carolyn	Wigg	Walkerville Residents Association	
Sandy	Wilkinson		✓
John	Wood	Mitcham Historical Society	✓
Lynda	Yates	5049 Coastal Community Residents Group	✓

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## **Presidents Report for 2020**

### **Community Alliance SA Inc. Dr Christel Mex Year in Review**

Thank you for entrusting me as your President for the last two years. I am indebted to our hard-working committee members, Secretary & Treasurer Tom Matthews, Liz Vines OAM, Dr Iris Iwanicki, Janet Scott, Cr Lilian Henschke, Kirsten Alexander and Dr Carolyn Wigg. I also wish to thank Laura Pieraccini, Warren Jones and Theo Ellenbroek for their service who retired from the committee.

As you are aware, the major focus this year was to keep a watchful eye on the draft Planning and Design Code and advocate for our member groups. To this end, we dedicated our two general meetings to the topic. In February, Dr Iris Iwanicki led a workshop with our members who shared their experience in trying to navigate the draft code, which informed our formal submission. In May, we had over 50 attend our online general meeting over Zoom, where we discussed the “What We Have Heard Report” with speakers including the Hon Mark Parnell MLC, Dr Iris Iwanicki, Stephen Smith from the LGA, and Michael Lennon the Chair of the SA Planning Commission.

Submissions on the draft Code were due in February, and along with CASA, 17 member groups made excellent submissions. Many of us individually submitted and lobbied our members to do so, and this certainly contributed to the over 1,400 public submissions received by the Commission.

Much advocacy happened in the public arena and behind closed doors. Committee member Liz Vines OAM was the spokesperson for CASA in several radio interviews and she also made deputations on behalf of CASA to the Legislative Review Committee in September. Dr Iris Iwanicki represented us in a deputation to the Environment Resources and Development Committee in October, met with the Commissioner several times as well with the new Minister's advisor on planning. Liz Vines and I met with the Premier in February, the new Minister for Planning in August and with the Shadow Minister in October. Many of our members also wrote letters to the editor as well, including many from Kevin O'Leary!

Community Alliance was a supporter of the Protect Our Heritage Alliance petition, and many of our member groups helped gather signatures for its presentation to parliament. Unfortunately due to COVID, the big rally on the steps of Parliament House scheduled for March was cancelled, but Professor Warren Jones was still able to present over 14,000 signatures to the Hon Mark Parnell on the steps of Parliament House, who subsequently tabled it in Parliament. The Legislative Review Committee has already heard deputations on the petition, including one presented by our committee member Liz Vines. We hope that all this advocacy and hard work will help shape a better Planning and Design Code.

In regards to the health of Community Alliance, at last count we have 32 member groups and I am encouraged that we still receive queries from people interested in joining or supporting the cause. My heartfelt thanks goes to those individuals and groups who made donations during this challenging year, including:

- Cash donations from members and friends
- FOCUS
- Kensington Residents' Association
- Kirsten Alexander
- Laura Pieraccini
- Meredith Ide
- Mt Barker Residents Association
- National Trust of SA
- Norwood Residents Assoc
- Save Our Suburbs
- Stephen Fisher
- Stirling and District Residents' Association
- St Peters Residents Association
- Western Adelaide Coastal Residents Association

This was a fantastic effort and very much appreciated. The Community Alliance SA is alive and very strong. If I missed any of you, please let me know as our receipt book ran out of carbon paper ink and we lost the record of some of the donations!

Our Facebook page now has 351 followers, and a big thanks to those of you who share our posts and help spread the word. I'm pleased to report that our website is back online after a few months of technical difficulties. This has proved to be a valuable resource for members as a receptacle of submissions, media stories, radio interviews and our campaign kit.

As I table this report, the full outcome of our advocacy efforts will not be known until the Minister releases the Community Engagement Report on Phase Three of the Draft Code. This is where the

Government will outline how the draft Code will be changed after hearing from the community. We have had some small wins along the way, including the delay of the Code's implementation and an additional window of community consultation.

I have really enjoyed serving as your President, and after two years it's time to pass the baton on to some else. The CASA committee is a delightful group, and I do encourage you put your hand up to join us as many hands make light work. And it's important work!

Finally, a big thanks to our member groups for supporting Community Alliance and we all recognise the excellent work you do standing up for your local communities as volunteers.

**Dr Christel Mex**

President, Community Alliance SA Inc.

5 November 2020