

GIDGEGANNUP PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

INFORMATION MEETING ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF
GIDGEGANNUP

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2007, AT 7.30
PM AT THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HALL, GIDGEGANNUP.

Chair: Sally Block

Secretary: Vicki Hamersley

Presenting Power Point Display: Chris Jackson

In Attendance: Nick Skinner – Mundaring Police, Steven Tan – City of Swan, Frank Alban, Charlie Zannino – City of Swan, approximately 100 members of the community.

Rural Watch: Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Nick Skinner from the Mundaring Police Station who spoke of the increase in home burglaries in the Gidgegannup area in the last few weeks. He cited specific streets or areas, namely Toodyay Road, Roland Road, Burgess Road, Charcoal Lane, Yellowstone Return, Richmond Road and Little Bunning Road – it was of particular concern that some fire arms had been stolen. Mentioned a suspicious vehicle – lime green late model Ford Sedan. J. Burton reported a blue late model Holden behaving suspiciously. Nick asked that any information should be phoned in on 131444.

The burglaries now seem to have moved to Mt. Helena and Chidlow.

Nick stressed importance of securing vehicles, houses and firearms.

Also stressed that street numbers need to be clearly displayed for emergency services.

Chair thanked Nick Skinner.

Gidgegannup Development: Chair gave a brief introduction to the meeting and summary of proposed developments in Gidgegannup and the meetings the GPA have had with various bodies regarding this. She stressed this was purely an information evening.

Tabled:

1. Letter from Port Bouvard stating that the plans presented at the meeting of October 2006 have now been scrapped and pipeline for water would be funded by Port Bouvard with no involvement from Riseley Investments
2. Notification from SMR to say that they intended to do a letter drop to all households and hold a series or workshops of about 40 people each.

3. Letter from Water Corporation saying water is available and whether existing residents paid for this water would depend on size of pipe.
4. EMRC are conducting a feasibility study for the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant and have said they have not been approached by the developers re. Gidgegannup but have included proposed numbers in their calculations.
5. City of Swan and DPI say there will be no fast tracking of any application. NEHSPP and Gidgegannup Rural Strategy supported.

Lifestyle Survey: GPA have conducted a Survey to define the “Hills Lifestyle”. The GPA have also presented the Gidgegannup Development Document to the DPI, Department of Water and the Minister’s Office at a meeting on 17th October 2007 at Parliament House, facilitated by Jaye Radisich. This document is based on events, documentation and feedback from the community after the October 2006 meeting (300 people), the survey document and general community feedback.

It is important to note that the GPA accept development of the Townsite and in accordance with the Gidgegannup Rural Strategy, the GPA is not anti development. Any development has, however, to be staged and managed.

Both the Gidgegannup Development Document and Lifestyle Survey are available on www.gidgegannup.info or electronic copies can be sent on request.

Chair itemized steps to place culminating in the necessity for a Gidgegannup Townsite Strategy 2008.

The GPA also have a petition circulating which has some 700-800 signatures. This petition supports development only under the Gidgegannup Rural Strategy.

The GPA had posed ten questions to the DPI and Minister’s office and were awaiting their response.

Power Point Presentation: Chris then did a Power Point Presentation of the above two documents.

Jan Pittman – thanked GPA for the Information Evening.

Chris mentioned that the GPA have been the first to contact the

1. City of Swan
2. Members of Parliament
3. Carry out a survey
4. Get Port Bouvard to a meeting. It appears that all planning to date has been desk top.

Question: As to how long developers could sit on the land and do nothing.

This could be any length of time – Port Bouvard have given guestimates of planning timescale from 18 months for Rural Residential to 3 years for townsite.

Question: regarding 2 ha subdivision after adoption of Gidgegannup Rural Strategy.

These applications were in progress before the adoption of the GRS.

Question: Will there be Public Open Space in Townsite?

Developer will have to provide, protection will be needed for vegetation, water courses and wetlands in that area, which might incorporate Public Open Space.

Question: Health of Nature Reserve adjacent to townsite questioned – should be protected with the City's Biodiversity Policy.

Closure of Meeting: There being no further questions the meeting closed at 9.15 pm to be followed by open discussion amongst those staying for refreshments.

The next meeting of the GPA will be held on Monday, 17th December, 2007, at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall.