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Next Meetings: 20th February, 19th March, 16th April, 2011 at 7.30 pm at the Agricultural Society Hall, Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup.

Seniors' Fuel Card: It appears that the Royalty for Regions Charter will not permit Outer Metropolitan residents to access the funds so a Seniors Fuel Card cannot be implemented. We are now investigating options for a bus service.

The issue was raised about the Swan Community Bus being used and supported by the City of Swan. The School Bus Service will be upgraded soon.

Proposed changes to Amendment No.35 to LPS17 – Rezoning to Special Rural Zone, Modification of provisions for Special Rural Zone No.3 and reclassification of public land – Brigadoon Estate (Multiple Lots): GPA made a submission on this. More than 100 submissions were received from the community, the majority supporting more intensive subdivision, a few objections.

The City have modified the proposed Amendment, this was confirmed at the recent Council meeting, and will now advertise it for public comment for a period of 42 days. Council, at its meeting held on November 9 2011, resolved to:

Modify the proposed Amendment No.35 to Local Planning Scheme No.17 as initiated by Council at the OCM of July 2010 in the following manner:

- a) Extend the scope of the amendment area such that the portion of Lot 1022 Cathedral Avenue zoned "Landscape" be rezoned to 'Special Rural Zone No.3 - Brigadoon/Baskerville';
- b) Delete Restricted Use No.2 from Schedule 3 - Restricted Uses;
- c) In Schedule 11, delete the current provisions for 'Special Rural Zone No.3 - "Swan Valley Special Rural and Recreation"' and substitute therein a new 'Special Rural Zone No.3 - "Brigadoon/Baskerville"' which incorporate the textual changes contained in Attachment V; and
- d) Amend the Scheme maps accordingly.

This would impact the Gidgegannup Rural Strategy and as such, we need to consider it carefully and the ramifications for further amendments to the GRS.

Input required for submission – some residents had already submitted their comments.

This issue is three years old. We have been told we need to wait for a revision of the GRS.

The City and the Government are cautious of any development in high fire risk areas and are tired of poor subdivision developments.

We need to know that it is fair for all. The GRS needs to be revised completely. Should this wait for Directions 2031?.

Verges:

The GPA has written the City regarding City taking a much more proactive role in fuel mitigation on road verges and reserves. No reply has been received as yet. Shire of Kalamunda employs two people to maintain road verges.

Some discussion took place regarding environmental concerns and the need for caution when burning verges. Slow burns are recommended and a balance has to be attained regarding community safety and conservation of habitat and species. Also concern was expressed at the potential spread of weeds on verges should there be over clearing. It was thought important that the City should involve all affected departments in any assessment process.

Local roads:

Watsonia needs spraying along O'Brien RoadThe City's construction and maintenance crew investigated this matter on 13 December. At that time the Watsonia was at the end of its cycle and was dying off. Where possible, the team removed some of the seed heads. Advice from the Horticultural Department was that it was too late to spray and that the best course of action would be to review it next year. Therefore, it will be included in the team's next spray schedule.

There is no T-junction reflective sign at the corner of O'Brien and Ewing Roads Ewing Road leads to a nature reserve; there are no houses along this road. Therefore, it has been determined that a sign is not required at this location. A resident now expresses views that this junction is signposted from Toodyay Road as a tourism venue, has one house along it in the Paruna Sanctuary and deserves special consideration.

No T-junction reflective sign at the corner of Clenton and Copley Dale RoadsA request for a sign (a hazard board as a bare minimum) has been submitted to Main Roads Department.

Hairpin bends with no warning reflective signage include Peter Brock bend on Clenton Road and 90 degree blind bend on O'Brien Road near Lancewood AvenueSigns have been organised and are to be installed soon. Some vegetation has also been removed from around Lancewood Avenue to improve visibility.

Targa West Rally Brigadoon: Targa West are surveying residents in Brigadoon re. holding a stage of their 2012 Rally in that area. The GPA have indicated that survey should be independent and sent to all affected residents in Gidgegannup as well as Brigadoon. Brigadoon Progress Association are consulting with their members and residents to obtain their view before commenting.

Hanson Quarry: It is believed that the Minister is about to sign off on the PER for this expansion. It appears that there will need to be three Ministers signing off and we have asked for clarification. Hanson has put in an appeal and there has been some negotiation. The Owl rock area has been omitted from the excavation.

Cardboard recycling at Red Hill: Resident has complained that this is not happening and that EMRC appear to have no rational explanation. We had heard reports that the cardboard crusher has broken down over the holiday period.

Midland Health Campus Operator. It has been confirmed that this will be St. John of God.

Update on CTF and WMCRG Meetings: Before Xmas the EMRC had briefings about the proposed RRF. They had published Environmental Reference document with EPA. They were expecting to have feedback by the end of January. Public Comment would be Feb-March. It will either be anaerobic digestion or gasification.

The power station is already exceeding the noise limitations. This is being looked at to rectify.

Western Power and Hooning

Frank Alban is trying to address these two problems and needs to know incidents of power outages. Times, dates, locality, frequency with contact details of informant. The same applies to hooning. Frank needs to know not just that it is happening but where when and if there is any pattern.

Memberships of \$10 per head are now due and payable by cheque, cash, or eft to our Bendigo Bank account BSB 633 000 Ac.: 137670733. Thank you for your continuing support.