



RESIDENTS 3000 INC. COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 26TH OCTOBER 2015
AT LEVEL 8, 180 RUSSELL STREET, MELBOURNE
FROM 6.30PM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome:** Susan Saunders, the Vice-President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.
Present: Susan Saunders 11/12, Merle Willis 12/12, Artur Hajda 7/12, Robyn Bunting 7/12, Steven Myrteza 6/12, Shelley Roberts 7/11, Rafael Camillo 8/12, and Denise Reynolds 8/12.
2. **Apologies:** John Dall'Amico 10/12, and Eric Giammario 7/12.
3. **Quorum:** A quorum was present.

4. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday, 28th September had been circulated to the committee, and taken as read.

Motion to Accept the minutes

Moved: Shelley Roberts

Seconded: Robyn Bunting

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Business Arising**

a) **Residents 3000 policy positions – SM**

Steven Myrteza had prepared a draft policy position on Building Planning Requirements and had distributed it to the committee prior to the meeting. Steven provided an overview of the paper which he had deliberately kept short so that the committee could discuss and elaborate on it. Robyn Bunting noted that R3000 being a community organization need its policy positions to be as open as possible, while still having an opinion. It was noted that policies would be added to the website. A discussion was held with regards to specifics of planning, i.e. inside apartments/minimum apartment size which was deemed not as relevant, and planning issues that impact the community around buildings. The committee discussed tall buildings being built and the overshadowing policy for the city.

It was agreed that the line that would be taken would be in support of the Institute of Architects, i.e. for R3000 to align itself with the Institute to strengthen its position, and that a link to the Institute of Architects website could be included on the R3000 website. Shelley Roberts advised that she would organize a representative from the Institute to address the committee, however that there would be a new President by March 2016. Shelley confirmed that she would seek to arrange for Peter Malatt, the current Chapter President of the Institute to attend the 30 November committee meeting.

It was also noted that R3000 could partner with the City of Melbourne for the March 2016 drinks night, and for Shelley Roberts to make enquiries with a view to inviting Leanne Hodyl, Town Planner and Rob Adams, Director City Design and Projects (both from the City of Melbourne), and possibly the Planning Minister. The topic to be discussed would be the interim rules recently set by the State Government and what we aspire for. It was noted that it would be a good forum to discuss our policy paper.

Shelley provided Steven with an Institute of Architects publication "Better Apartments" which could contribute information to include in our policy paper. Susan Saunders noted that position papers could be used to build up R3000's social media presence, and that interaction and comments be encouraged. She noted that the draft position paper should be updated in line with committee views, for further discussion, including on Social Media, where committee members and other members could post.



Susan Saunders thanked Steven on behalf of the committee for his work in preparing the draft position paper.

6. Correspondence In / Out

It was noted that correspondence received by email had been distributed to the committee as received.

7. Vice-President's Report

Susan Saunders delivered a report in the absence of the President. She noted that the committee was gathering momentum and taking steps forward. With regards to the paper delivery, a request was made for all committee members ask the café's that they frequent how many CBD News they need for their café per month, and to provide numbers to John Dall'Amico. Susan Saunders noted that the R3000 survey sponsored by Hocking Stuart had been included in this month's CBD News again, and was closing in the next month or so.

8. Treasurers Report – DR

The Treasurer, Denise Reynolds had distributed financial reports to 30 September 2015 to the committee and these were taken as read. It was noted that automatic PayPal payments have started to be received for membership renewals.

9. Sub-Committee Reports

Fund Raising, Grants, Charity Sub-Committee – Discussed later in the meeting.

Membership / Membership Benefits – Discussed later in the meeting.

Events Sub-Committee – A summary of the remaining events being considered for the year and for early 2016 are as follows:

- 1) Thursday, 5th November– Overview of the project by Melbourne Metro Rail.
- 2) Thursday, 26th November – AGM / End of year party, with the speaker to be Tim Leslie, from the Australian Institute of Architects. Tim was the founding president of Open House Melbourne.
- 3) Thursday, 4th February 2016 – a Trivia Night, organised by Art Hajda.
- 4) Thursday, 3rd March 2016 – A Planning/Standards event to be arranged by Shelley Roberts.

10. Website Discussion / Social Media

Artur Hajda noted that R3000 also has a Twitter account that could be posted to, which he believed could be managed in addition to the other social media sites for R3000. Artur confirmed that he could make one post per week. He also noted that Instagram had been set up and some pictures added of photos taken from where we (the committee) live, however that we need to keep posting photos from different buildings.

Susan Saunders had provided the committee with details of website activity by email. Shelley Roberts noted that there were peaks at times, and Susan advised that website activity tended to increase when there was a drinks night. It was noted that there would be no conflict of interest if Shelley Roberts as committee member was also a sponsor, and if her business was accordingly added to the website as sponsor.

11. Projects and Programs

a) 3000 Steps – Residents 3000 Grid walk in partnership with I'm Free Tours and participating cafes, supported by MCC

It was noted that R3000 was waiting on the outcome of the grant application for \$8,000 that had been submitted to the COM, which was expected to be known this month.

b) Meet the other associations

This is ongoing, and being worked on by Rafael Camillo.



12. AGM

It was noted that the increase of membership fees was one of the major topics for consideration at the AGM. A discussion was held and as discussed previously, the committee agreed to increase the standard membership fee to \$20 from \$10. The possibility was raised for non-member attendees to contribute a gold coin at an event, otherwise that there be a more expensive rate for non-members. As an example, the possibility of having swing tags for members, where drinks for members may be \$5 and \$7 for all other attendees. It was noted that the \$1 oysters at Kelvin Club which is available again is very cost effective and works very well at the R3000 drinks nights.

The membership categories were discussed. The general view of the committee was that an Owners Corporation membership should be abolished. Some have the view that membership for families was still appropriate and that families (usually couples) should not have to pay \$40. Although not unanimous some thought that a fee of \$35 was appropriate for families and that the category should be retained.

Susan Saunders suggested that it be made easy for people who are interested in donating to R3000 to do so, and for text be added to the website that R3000 is open for donations, and where to click to donate.

It was resolved that a Notice of AGM and Proxy Form be prepared and sent out at least 14 days in advance of the AGM on 26 November, i.e. by Thursday, 12 November. Also, that two resolutions would be drafted and included in the notice, i.e. (1) regarding increasing the membership fee and changing the categories of membership, and (2) to delegate setting/changing of membership fees to the committee in future. Consideration to also be given to whether to include the following, i.e. that non-members attending R3000 functions be requested to donate a gold coin. It was noted that Susan Saunders had sent an email to the committee a few days prior to the committee meeting with her thoughts on funding/payment for drinks at the functions once a month.

Rafael Camillo noted that a system had been established with the Kelvin Club for the monthly meetings, and recommended that R3000 persist with the venue going forward. Rafael emphasized the importance of committee members advertising the AGM and monthly meetings, and suggested that committee members print emails regarding upcoming events and post them on the notice boards in their respective apartment buildings.

Steven Myrteza advised that he would be away, and therefore an apology for the AGM.

13. General Business

Shelley Roberts noted that the Hardware Precinct had received a City of Melbourne grant for \$50,000 which they had used to beautify their laneway, by putting in flower boxes and plants. It was also noted that the City of Melbourne now had someone responsible for vertical gardens.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The remaining Committee meetings for the calendar year are scheduled for Monday, 30 November, after the AGM on Thursday, 26 November 2015.

15. Meeting Close

The meeting was declared closed at 8.15pm.

Confirmed as correct.

[signed]

Susan Saunders, Vice-President

Date: 30 November 2015