

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 23 August 2022 at 8:50am

1. Present

Max Duncan (MD)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative (Teams)
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Megan Niven (MN)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

Tavis Perry (TP)	Rio Tinto (RTA) Gove Operations (Proxy)
Linda Alexander (LA)	Member

3. Conflict of Interest

None noted

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 26 July 2022

Moved: LW
Seconded: JR
Carried 4/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List July 2022*).

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – MD noted the preparatory work has been completed. NC Manager Strategic Infrastructure and Works Coordinator have been liaising with the contractor regarding the expedition of the sign installation. MD to contact business owners upon completion of installation. - *Review September 2022*.

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – MD updated board members that a grant application has been developed for this project which NC hope to progress through NTG, a proposal will be presented to the BOD regarding co-funding this and other grant applications with a view to inclusion in the NC budget 2023. The review date for the action to be updated to October to allow time to present to Board of Directors for decision.
- *Review October 2022*.

98/21 – TO Reps on Town Board – Board Members discussed the conclusion from this actions' presence on the action list for the long term may lead to community assumptions regarding inclusion of traditional owner groups as Nhulunbuy Town Board members. – *Completed August 2022*.

111/22 – Recycling Storage in Wet Season – MD still in communication with local contractor (NEAL) regarding the requirements for undercover area within the recycling area at NC laydown yard. MD also noted the commencement of clearing the Nhulunbuy

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Corporation laydown yard in preparation for the installation of an undercover compound to house recycling materials securely. – *Review September 2022.*

It was noted that the following be added to the **Action List** (see *Action List August 2022*).

New Action: Review the Nhulunbuy Town Board meeting annual calendar agenda with a view to the inclusion of specific agenda items to focus on Yolgnu leader involvement. NC to develop and engagement plan for traditional owner groups. – *Review October 2022.*

6. Correspondence - In

LW noted correspondence regarding Animal control, MD noted reference to the correspondence for inclusion in September meeting agenda for Town Board member information.

MD noted that NC have now received version seven of the Animal Control by-laws and community engagement will be conducted in September 2022.

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter of Support: Community Assistance Grant – Yothu Yindi Foundation & Max Studios

MD updated the various sources of in-kind assistance Nhulunbuy Corporation provided to the GARMA festival such as portable lighting and track grading works. It was great to see Nhulunbuy Corporation, Nhulunbuy Youth Council representatives, traditional owners, and community members in attendance. MD thanked board members for their support.

Letter of Support: Community Assistance Grant – Runners North Marathon Event.

Community Assistance Program still has funding available for 2022 with a new round of funding commencing in January 2023.

8. Monthly Ops Report July 2022

Items referenced by exception in the July operations report:

- **Building Application** – LW noted the previous mention of the addition of dongas at a residential lot in Nhulunbuy South, MD updated he had investigated the progression of a building application with NC Development & Compliance Officer which was determined to be all in order.
- **Snap Send Solve** – NC is having great completion results within this forum, noting in the month of July out of 15 issues snapped, 15 were completed within the month. NC will commence further engagement with community members to build on this success.
- **Gove Peninsula Harmony Group** – Meeting was delayed to 6 September 2022 at the request of NTG. JR updated that NT licencing will present various matters at the September GPHG meeting some of which include exemption processes, the funding of changes to the liquor permit system, six-month trial proposed start date and inclusion of community survey coinciding with the roll out of the trial to gauge accurately community feedback on the trial changes to the permit system. Community engagement will be conducted prior to the commencement of the trial with the plan to be presented to the GPHG members.
- **Shopping Trolley Proposal** – MD noted he met with the Gove Woolworths Store Manager who updated that the proposal has been presented to Woolworths head office, he is liaising with various other organisations about this matter.

- **Additional Disabled Carparks** – Communication has commenced with RTA representative regarding the installation of additional disability carparks near Carers NT organisation and in the Franklyn Street carpark. RTA have confirmed a formal response will be fed through the BOD meeting on Friday 26 August 2022.
- **Town Board Election** – MD spoke to the AEC with the electoral role being finalised, as the chairperson he proposes to go to nominations out this week. If we receive more than two nominations an election will commence.
- **Waste Management Regulators Visit** – East Coast Environmental are visiting Nhulunbuy this week to commence final preparation of renewal of the Gove Peninsula Waste Management Facility EPA licence.
- **Town Centre Revitalisation Meeting** – MD updated that he proposes to conduct a meeting of the Town Centre Revitalisation Committee in late September, particular discussion will be around the development of targeted planting schemes, the removal of some trees and funding streams that the Nhulunbuy Corporation are investigating for the Town Centre Revitalisation projects.
- **Community Engagement Report** – LW walker requested noting in the minutes of the extremely large volume of events that the Nhulunbuy Corporation community team facilitate in such a short space of time and requested that particular note be made of Michael Rogers dedicated work.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members accept the Operations Report July 2022 with no further items referenced.

Moved: MD

Seconded: LW

Carried 4/0

9. General Business

For Noting - Development Application – DA5950 – Lot 602, 4 Pera Circuit

Duplex development of two-bedroom properties, MD noted the shortage of housing on town lease in particular, that these changes of land use within the development applications will become more popular in the coming years.

In fill by way of duplex development has come up in various discussions MD has conducted with the territory government and traditional owner groups. Northern Territory Government will be funding master planning. Nhulunbuy Corporation town plan needs major review regarding the inclusion of precincts and combination of property uses such as commercial and residential.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members accept the Development Application with no further items referenced.

Moved: LW

Seconded: MN

Carried 4/0

Bin Sticker Project

MD noted that NC have sourced three quotes, two from Darwin businesses and one from a local business. Town Board members approved that NC draft a response to the local vendor regarding their quote.

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NTG Update – Jim Rogers

JR updated the board members regarding the Northern Territory disability strategy release, whilst noting that audit RTA Gove Operations are undertaking of their Gove assets, requested information regarding any plans for Nhulunbuy Corporation to conduct an audit of NC assets regarding disability access. MD has been in discussions with GHD consulting who are conducting the RTA audit to make sure amidst several considerations, disability access is sufficiently highlighted. NC have considered disability access during new asset construction such as the ablution block in town centre. NC are looking at which existing assets can be modified to include disability access.

Feedback from Elected Members

- **Damage to Bunggulwuy Park** – MN noted that during a visit to the area, she noticed a lot of broken PVC piping around the area. MD has visited the area; due to significant vandalism the playground equipment will be removed which is unfortunate but due to the high costs of replacement equipment and the repeated targeted vandalism in the area from a risk mitigation perspective this is the safest outcome to protect community members.
- **Abandoned Vehicles** – LW requested further information on NC process and policy for the removal of vehicles on Town lease and the industrial estate. MD has had discussions with RTA as the lease holder, regarding no parking areas, line marking and the installation of angle parking near the Town centre.

Nhulunbuy Corporation Update – CEO

MD thanked Lynne Walker for her service to the community, The Nhulunbuy Corporation and the Nhulunbuy Town Board. Community is about those who care, that is how a community is built which is testimony to your service Lynne, to the Gove peninsula area.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:46am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 27 September 2022, commencing 8:30am.

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