

Summary of Public Questions

3 July 2018



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7.1 Ms Teresa Konapacki - 20 March 2018 Minutes

Question 1:

Can the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 20 March 2018, which I attended and spoke at please be corrected? I made an appeal about two meetings I had with people from planning, the second meeting of which ended with the question. What is your ethnic background? I felt this was insulting and irrelevant to the meeting. There was only one meeting recognised not two and there was nothing about that question.

Response:

The Mayor reviewed the previous minutes to clarify with Ms Konapacki what was not reflected in the minutes of 20 March and moved the below motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the minutes of Tuesday 20 March be amended to reflect that Ms Konapacki specifically had two meetings with planners and on the second meeting was asked about her ethnicity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question 2:

I am looking for transparency and justice because that's what governance means to me. I would like Council to review the zoning of my block. I have spoken with various Council members and the Planning Minister. My zoning which was business 3 zone for offices and businesses has never been that, it is a row of 6 Victorian terrace houses, they have heritage overlay and become a commercial 2 zone. We do not have shops or offices, no production and the rag trade industry has been gone for decades. Hoddle Street is commercial zone 1, they have shops and a garage, and we have a garage. Our block has been residential for 100 years, since these cottages were built and has never been anything else.

Having had meetings with the Planning Ministers office, they direct me to Council and Council directs me to planning. I am about to have my basic amenities taken. I have also been to VCAT who have acknowledged that my complaints about res code would be supported, but being a commercial 2 zoning, it's not relevant. I asking for basic neighbourhood character and doesn't stand out too much otherwise the

overlay means nothing.

Response:

The Mayor advised that Council is currently in the process of rewriting the planning scheme and that it would provide residents and all stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback/comments.

The Mayor also requested that someone from the department of Planning and Place Making advise Ms Konapacki before the planning scheme rewrite is presented to Council so that she could make a specific submission relating to her street/precinct.

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that rezoning could be entertained but would need to be sought by a particular property owner or Council initiated and have a solid strategic basis to progress with the rezoning request.