

## **DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PUBLIC MEETING**

Downer Community Centre  
Monday 5 February 2019. 7pm

Brief opening by Miles Boak.

Noted the large gathering. Over 100 people.

Email addresses collected from people not already on the DCA mailing list. 45 in total.

Thanks to Amit for getting the technology sorted and windows open.

### **Transport Canberra presentation.**

**Patrick B? and Gerry Murray (?)**

Apology from someone from Light Rail.

Provided a hard copy map of the new routes and noted that this was available on the Transport Canberra website.

Assured gathering that there will still be a bus service through Downer basically following the current No39 route from Watson to Dickson. It will be the number 50.

It will no longer go down NB Ave, but cross NB Ave and travel into Civic through Lyneham and Turner (west route). Acknowledged it may be a bit slower.

Mentioned a new Rapid Service (No 9) to go to Belconnen.

Also mention of bus 53 (?) to replace the current No2. This will do the eastern route via Ainslie to Civic.

New bus service starts on 24 April. Hopes that this will be when the Light Rail commences as the services are designed to integrate.

New timetables to be released on 4 March.

Would like to come again and speak at a DCA meeting once the timetables are out.

Note: our next meeting is on the same day as the timetable release- does not allow time for people to interrogate the timetables and have questions ready?

7.30pm

“DON’T DUMP ON DOWNER” PUBLIC MEETING- ACTION ITEMS ARISING

**PowerPoint presentation** by Suzanne Pitson with input from Miles Boak.

Main points included:

12m- 4 storey and 18m – 6 storey buildings to be permitted.

4/5<sup>th</sup> of Downer earmarked for this level of urban intensification. This is based on area 800m from the light rail and 800m from a commercial centre (Dickson).

Diagrams were posted around room to show this.

ACTION: Sam H-S

PowerPoint slides to be made available on DCA website. Done

### **E-Petition?**

Seemed to be general agreement to this, but detail has not been sorted out.

ACTION- Committee

Work on wording of the petition after meeting with Minister Gentleman.

Sam offered to “load” on ACT Gov site once a decision has been made.

### **Meeting with Minister Gentleman**

Public meeting made aware of 6 February meeting.

Agreement to put DCA's position to him. Strong support for maintaining "garden suburb"  
Miles Boak and Patti Kendall attending.

### **Meeting with NCA**

Public meeting made aware of role of NCA and their DA91 and its link to the City and Gateway Framework.

Date 19 February, time suggested 5pm.

Tanja Reuter, resident of Banfield Street is having personal meeting with NCA. Noted that they are very accommodating and interested in views.

Miles and Sam's mobile numbers provided to Rebecca Sorenson from NCA who will be attending along with Andrew Smith, Chief Planner and Deputy Chief Executive.

**ACTION:** Miles and Sam to contact Rebecca to finalise.

### **Coordination/consultation with wider community**

Suggested by Carleton Christensen(?) and others that poor planning, design, construction etc was a whole of Canberra issue/disgrace.

**ACTION:** Involve NCCC, talk to other inner north community associations.

**Note:** Deb Nesbitt from the Environmental Defenders Office offered to provide information to Suzanne. Jacqui to follow up with her via email.

Call for a "**Master Plan for Downer**" - prepared by residents for comment by ACT Gov, not the other way around!

This was made by Jensen Sass. And viewed positively by the audience.

Sam Hussey-Smith noted that a small scale Precinct Plan was done for the school site development. This could be a starting point.

**ACTION:** 4 March DCA meeting to have a "Downer by Design" theme to capture what the residents of the suburb want. Suzanne to lead?

### **Call to action- voicing community concerns**

**Note:** Elizabeth Lee, local Liberal member attended the meeting and subsequently sent a letter of support.

**ACTION:** DCA to prepare some points that people can use and build on. Provide contact details of who to talk to. First round – ACT ministers and local members.

Done 5 February 2019: Prepared by Simone Gray with input from Suzanne, Miles and Jacqui. Emailed to DCA email list and people on new email list gathered on the night.

Other points raised:

Preservation of trees on northern boundary. Noted that DCA meeting with CHC on 5 February.

**ACTION:** Miles provided a bit of a report, plus copies of corro between Fiona Dickson (Bradfield St resident) and CHC and Caroline Le Couteur. Attempt to stop the tree replacement by keeping current pines. Need to involve Heritage Council.  
Any other action to be taken?

Getting a heritage classification on Downer as an example of 1960's garden planning.

Meeting closed 8.10pm

#### OTHER ISSUES

In lieu of an ordinary Committee meeting, Miles suggested dealing with outstanding matters by email where possible or carrying over to next meeting.

Stephen Sedgwick sent Treasurer's report for January 2019.

**Yowani- meeting with Lindsay Hunter**, now Development Manager for TP Dynamics. Lindsay has been providing updates on his interactions with EPSDD. Forwarded on to Miles and Sam.

**ACTION:** 4 March suggestion too late as NCA DA submission closes on that day. Sam and Miles to arrange meeting date.

NCCC want to form a **Reference Group for Dickson Section 72**. Have invited DCA to provide a delegate. Sue Dyer noted caution- "sensitive stage"

**ACTION:** Find out more from Sue before we take action. Jacqui to send Sue an email to explain and advise.

NCCC want to get DCA views on EPSDD **Demonstration Housing Project**.

Could have some relevance on getting good quality housing stock into the suburb? Miles indicated in his response to Leon that we would consider?

#### NEXT DCA MEETING

4 March 2019.

Miles Boak  
Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava  
Secretary