

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Downer Community Centre, 1st April 2019

Attendance: Miles Boak, Sam, Suzanne Piston, Sam Hussey-Smith Sam Roggeveen, Suzanne Pitson, Stephen Sedgwick, Robyn Rennie, Patti Kendall Simone Gray

Apologies: Kerry Ann Hugo , Anthony Stannard, Jacqui Pinkava

Note: Main focus of this meeting “Downer by Design”, a public meeting to capture Downer resident’s views on what is important to them in the planning of their suburb. See Item 12 and separate minutes attached.

General Committee Business:

Greg Mulvaney acting Secretary.

Taken from Jacqui’s notes prior to meeting.

Treasurer’s Report for March 2019- provided by email. Attached to hard copy.

Deficit of \$663 with expenses totalling \$1,693 and income of \$1,030. Noted that room hire invoices to be sent out to start cash flow again as ~\$2,500 needed in May to pay for insurance.

1. Jane Goffman (4 March email), suggesting **merging the Dickson Residents Group (DRG) with DCA**. Argues that we were all once Dickson from 1928-58. DRG not incorporated. Have people with planning/ legal expertise.

Action: For discussion and decision by the Committee.

Note: Patti Kendal (email 19 March) says no to merger but happy to work with them. We should maintain separate identity.

Action:

- No immediate merger but committee happy to continue to collaborate with the DRG. This can be reviewed at a later date.

2. **Transport Canberra meeting**- Wednesday 10 April, 7-8.30pm

Action:

- Room is booked. Sue to organise with Miles re the night and format.
- Need to resend email to group members and also add new emails to the list that was taken tonight.
- Greg to send email reminder to all DCA email recipients.

3. **Frog Pond at old school site**. Fiona Dickson in Bradfield street is seeking DCA support in applying for a grant to have the frogs re-sited to another pond.

Action: For decision and further consultation with Fiona

- DCA support given: Grant seems to have been successful for the nature play area.

4. **Replacement of chairs** at the Downer Community Centre. Raised by Philida due to increasing number of chair collapses. Miles suggests cost could be >\$5,000.

Action:

- Miles to discuss with Philida and will ascertain how many chairs are unsafe and the particulars of the incident. It was felt that many of the chairs still suitable for use.
- Investigate if suitable grant is available? See if government agencies are replacing furniture (see Chris Paterson who got chairs for U3A from Commonwealth agency).
- Decision held over to a later stage.

5. **Downer Square volunteer maintenance group.** Need to be registered with the ACT gov for insurance cover. Government needs to know numbers and name of group. Does not need to be Committee members but open up to Downer community. Suggest call out to gardeners in next newsletter.

Action:

- Agreement given. Miles to coordinate with Jim, Stephen and Greg. All welcome to help out.

6. **Downer Centre as polling place** for Federal election before 15 May. How much to charge- \$500-750?

Action:

- Committee agreed to charging the maximum amount.
- Invite pre-school to do BBQ and/or cake stall.

7. **Reimbursement and vote of thanks to Greg-** Centre maintenance (sand replenishment, sand pit cover and weeding) and hard rubbish removal from the streets.

Action:

- Stephen to arrange. Jacqui paid \$27 for hard rubbish tip fee.

8. **Kangaroo sculpture unveiling.** \$200 expenditure incurred- \$100 BBQ, \$100 contribution to the band. Denys Gardner suggested buying Canberra Times photos of the event for DCA archives. Thanks to Miles and Sam for organising BBQ and unveiling. A great night for the DCA and wider Downer Community.

Action:

- Committee agreed to pay all monies. It was felt that it was a very successful night although room was left open. Committee aware that we all need to ensure that what is opened is then locked.

9. **Downer by Design expenditure.** Suzanne has requested reimbursement for materials required to run the workshop. May also include refreshments.

Action: Committee agreed expenditure.

10. For information: Dianne Bourke (resident and newsletter distributor) is arranging for the whole catalogue of "Around Downer" (1986-) to be lodged with the ACT Heritage Library.

11. Patti mentioned the May meeting of the Planning people.

Action:

- Meeting set down for the 6 May for EPSDD (Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate) with Committee members. Patti is the contact.

12. Downer by Design

A very well run and structured event. Thanks to Suzanne for organising such a professional presentation and session. Also thanks to Patti and Miles for their input. Estimate that there were approximately 50 people in attendance. Simone collected new email addresses?

Action:

- Suzanne collating butcher and yellow Post-it notes responses.
- Sam HS and Sam R collating survey responses.
- Further surveys handed out. Completed responses can be submitted either to the DCA office or box inside Gang Gang. (Miles to organise this)
- Minutes of Downer by Design meeting to be distributed by Greg.

13. Amit donated a projector and screen to the DCA. Gratefully accepted.

Action: Jim to look at the feasibility of installing the screen on the wall.

Meeting closed: 8:50pm.

NEXT DCA MEETING-

Monday 6 May 2019

Miles Boak
Co- Convenor

Greg Mulvaney
Ag Secretary