

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 4 JULY 2022 MEETING

PRESENT

Robyn Rennie, Jacqui Pinkava, Amit Barkay, Leon Arundell, Stephen Sedgwick

APOLOGIES: Patti Kendall, Miles Boak, Sue Dyer, Suzanne Pitson, Simone Gray

Commenced 7.35pm, chaired by Robyn Rennie. Concluded 8.25pm.

1. DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED- Jacqui Pinkava

Corro of significance:

6 June- Canberra Planning Action Group (CPAG) newsletter- forwarded to committee with interest in planning

6 June- new member application- processed

27 June CPAG- call to action- requesting feedback of "Have Your Say" website on the deficiencies in the Territory Plan- forwarded to committee.

30 June- Jo Clay MLA (Greens)- planning and environment updates on various consultations, petitions.

MINUTES AND ACTIONS REPORT

Minutes from the 6 June 2022 meeting- approved. Thank you Suzanne for minuting.

REPORTS:

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Light fitting in store room. Amit advised that this has been done at minimal cost.
- **Centre Co-ordinator appointment.** Stephen advised that a number of candidates were interviewed. Adele Rae-Cameron has accepted the offer. Required forms have been sent to her, awaiting her response. Stephen noted that the appointment is initially on a three month trial.
- **Newsletter-** discussed and decided that electronic newsletters would be sent if there were action items or important announcements. Robyn suggested that we liaise with Neighbourhood Watch and do a combined newsletter.

ACTION: Robyn to liaise with Neighbourhood Watch to progress this idea.

- **Rainwater tank connection-** Issue of hours of paperwork to be filled in by plumber to meet ACT Property requirements. Decision is that DCA will pay plumber (up to limit of \$1,000) for total time to do paperwork and job or offer to fill in the paperwork for them.

ACTION: Amit to speak to plumber recommended by Robyn.

3. CENTRE LIAISON- Stephen Sedgwick

- Reported that all is okay.
- See reports on recruitment of Centre Co-ordinator and light in storeroom.

ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES-

- Amit had undertaken to remove the pile of fluorescent tubes atop the storeroom and dispose of them sustainably.
- Working Bee- to be organised upon the return of Miles
- Letter to tenant about clearing out their rubbish and hiring room checklist- Stephen

4. TREASURER'S REPORT- Stephen Sedgwick

- Reported that all the defrauded money has been returned. Bank Fraud Squad has been involved in this matter. Account passwords have been changed to avoid a repeat.
- Income and expenses report for June 2022 was provided electronically. Current account balance in all three accounts (working, special projects and term deposit) is \$90,266. Noted that \$28,000 are special projects- ie. Grants that DCA are auspicing- the bike pump track, Berry Street park and an \$8,000 donation from the Tradies Club for the bike pump track. Working account is \$64,970.
- June saw a net increase of \$7,158 into the working account.
- Income from payment of room hire amounted to \$7,856. Note \$4,996 of this was recovered from the return of unauthorised withdrawals in May.
- Total expenses for June were \$607.
- Leon requested that the committee be presented with bank statements on a regular basis. Stephen showed a copy to Leon at the meeting.

PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

5. TERRITORY PLAN DV369- Leon Arundell

- DV 369 proposes changes to soft landscaping/ living infrastructure in residential areas of the ACT to achieve 15-20% tree cover and increased soil permeability by 2045.
- Reported that the ACT Government has made technical amendments. Comments can be made before 18 July.
https://www.planning.act.gov.au/planning-our-city/territory-plan/current_technical_amendments

6. UPDATE OF THE DCA CONSTITUTION – Leon Arundell

- Special meeting on Thursday 21 July, 7.15pm small meeting room, Downer Centre.
- Leon has sent documentation previously.
- Leon requested that people send their suggested changes to particular clauses before the meeting.
- Jacqui noted that she will be an apology.

7. SEEChange heater issues- Stephen/ Amit

- One heater is not working.
- Amit reported that DCA could get a grant for \$5,000 to replace the heater with a reverse cycle/heat pump. Suggested that this could be a good way of trialling the gradual replacement of the old gas heaters in the other rooms. Committee agreed.

ACTION: Amit to check out the detail of the grant and find out expected running costs.

8. FLORIADE- Amit

- Amit has planted annuals amid the bulbs planted earlier. Thank you Amit.
- No report on the protective covers.

ACTION: Jacqui to check on mulch cover when she is allowed out!

9. BIKE PUMP TRACK GRANT- Amit

- Reported that the project needs more money. Will be applying for the Community Garden grant requesting \$10,000
- Have engaged a consultant but need trades people.
- Have to expend grant money by end of calendar year.
- Amit the DCA contact/liaison person

10. BERRY STREET PARK GRANT- Amit.

- Have received a \$10,000 grant. Amit has informed the group of this.
- Miles to be the DCA contact/liaison person for this project upon his return.

11. NCCC INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS- Jacqui

- NCCC have a pool of funds allocated annually for northside associations to put in a bid for projects that foster communication/engagement with the community.
- Suggested that the old noticeboards could be replaced with boards to match the ones installed last year using the 2021 NCCC grant.

ACTION: Jacqui to organise for 2 new boards to be ordered and a bid sent to NCCC before 12 August. Boards ordered (\$600), bid for \$5000 sent to Bruce Smith Treasurer of NCCC. Invoice sent to Stephen to pay so that noticeboards can be manufactured and delivered.

12. WEBSITE!- Stephen and Jacqui

- Wordpress not favoured by some in the Committee, therefore not going to Gaffer Design to have it revamped.
- Stephen noted that he has a bit of spare time and is versed in Weebly (platform of current DCA website) so suggested meeting with Jacqui to improve the DCA launch page to make it more intuitive for unfamiliar users.

ACTION: Jacqui to make a time with Stephen to discuss.

NEXT DCA MEETING

Monday 8 August 7.30pm

Robyn Rennie– DCA Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava- Secretary