

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 1 AUGUST 2022 MEETING

PRESENT

Robyn Rennie, Jacqui Pinkava, Amit Barkay, Leon Arundell, Stephen Sedgwick, Simone Gray, Miles Boak

APOLOGIES: Patti Kendall, Sue Dyer, Suzanne Pitson

Commenced 7.35pm, chaired by Robyn Rennie. Concluded 8.55pm.

1. DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED- Jacqui Pinkava

Corro of significance:

14 July- Linda Roberts- ACT National Trust. Informed us that she had conducted cleaning of the three interpretive signs around the former CSIR site. Also advised us that we could apply for a grant in March 2023 to upgrade the signs with QR codes to include them in the Canberra Trail heritage website. Has since sent an indicative quote. See Agenda item 10.

20 July- Robyn Sirr, The Bradfield. Copy of letter sent to Minister Vassarotti regarding the canary pine plantings on the Bradfield.

1 August- Robyn Sirr, email to DCA attaching e-petition regarding pine trees. Requesting DCA distribute via its email distribution list. See Agenda Item 9.

25 July- outgoing. Email "newsletter", inviting members to Flea Market at Gang Gang on 30 July, plus Goodwin development update and Floriade planting.

Replies (including SEEChange) asking for more information or who to contact to participate in the flea market. Re-directed them to Gang Gang.

MINUTES AND ACTIONS REPORT

Minutes from the 4 July 2022 meeting- approved. Uploaded to DCA website.

REPORTS:

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Robyn reported that she had not heard back from the **Neighbourhood Watch** contact about including them in subsequent "newsletters".
- Stephen advised that Adele Cameron has accepted the offer to be the paid **Centre Co-ordinator**. Noted they had met up to update her home computer system and upload required Centre documents/ systems. See Agenda item 4.
- **Rainwater tank connection-** Amit reported that he had followed up on plumber recommended. Keen to begin with, but no further action. Another plumber approached, no response as yet. Saga continues.
- **Heater grant-** Amit reported that a quote for \$3,500-4,000 received from Capital Air. A 7.5kw system that can be operated via the internet. To be installed in SEEChange office. ACT Gov grant would cover half the cost up to a ceiling of \$5,000.

ACTION: Committee agreed to proceed with purchase of electric split heater and seek Government grant to off-set cost. Amit to progress.

- **Cork Noticeboards-** Jacqui reported that money has been received and now the two noticeboards are on their way from Perth to Canberra.

ACTION: Jacqui to approach Mens Shed/ Jim to remove old small boards and install new noticeboards.

- **Website update-** Stephen reported that he is meeting with Jacqui on 4 August to discuss update of current DCA website.
- **Election sausage sizzle fund raising-** Miles reported that \$1,500 had been raised between the Mens Shed and the Downer Pre-School. Pre-School are using some of

their money to get the Men's Shed to build flower/vegetable beds for the pre-school grounds.

3. CENTRE LIAISON- Stephen Sedgwick

- Adele Cameron to commence on 4 August. Email of introduction to be sent to all tenants/clients.
- Bookings for 2023 already received.
- Corn starch dog poo bags received. An account has been set up with this provider.
- Reported that the Majura Womens Group have completed the mural project on the central raised lawn wall.

ACTION: Jacqui to get photos and info from their Facebook page and include in next e-newsletter. And on revamped website!

- Issue with toilet lights and doors being left open. Also rehanging doors to allow for improved access.

ACTION: Amit to look into sensor lights in discussion with ACT Property. Investigate what changes they are willing to do re: doors

- Additional tables and mobile table stacker needed.

ACTION: Amit to check out purchase of table stacker.

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 tenants about clearing out their rubbish and hiring room checklist- Stephen

4. TREASURER'S REPORT- Stephen Sedgwick

- Current account balance in all three accounts (working, special projects and term deposit) is \$90,617. Working account is \$65,320.
- July saw a net increase of \$159 into the working account.
- Income from payment of room hire amounted to \$3,943.
- Total expenses for July were \$3,784. Major expenses being- \$1,614 for utilities, \$550 to ACT Property Group as our required contribution towards the \$900 to overhaul the A/C unit in the East room, and \$600 for two noticeboards (a grant of \$500 requested from NCCC)
- Second quarter invoices to be sent out shortly.

PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

5. UPDATE OF THE DCA CONSTITUTION – Leon Arundell

- Special meeting was held on 21 July. Thanks extended to Leon Arundell, Suzanne Pitson and Stephen Sedgwick for their efforts in drafting the near final.
- Committee is largely happy with the draft but want a section on out of session meetings. How these will be conducted, should we find ourselves once again having to operate in the Zoom world.

ACTION: Leon to send out a clean (accept all changes) version, including added section, to the Committee. Final to be agreed by Committee in September meeting and sent out to all DCA members promptly. Vote for updated constitution at the AGM in November.

- As per Constitution, Secretary to now send out the meeting agenda as provided by the Convenor to the Committee and "Friends". Possible that agenda can be posted on website in the future.

6. BIKE PUMP TRACK GRANT- Amit Barkay

- Have received a total of \$187,00, \$10,000 government grant and \$8,000 from the Tradies Club. DCA is auspicing these grants.
- Amit noted that all insurance is covered by the ACT government.
- Not aware if they have been successful for a Community Garden grant.
- Amit the DCA contact/liaison person.

7. BERRY STREET PARK GRANT- Amit Barkay

- Have received a \$10,000 grant. Amit has informed the group of this.
- Plan has been submitted to the Government.
- Stephen has requested a List of Works/ Budget items to pay against.
- Miles agreed to be the DCA contact/liaison person for this project.

ACTION: Miles to provide list of budget items to Stephen.

8. FLORIADE Community event grant- Miles Boak

- The Floriade Community Grants Program has been established to provide support to Floriade Community participants who wish to produce their own 'Floriade' pop-up events in their local community to complement their garden bed/planting. Closing date is 10 August.
- Miles suggested a BBQ in the Square, with marketing focused to new residents. Gang Gang may be happy to make coffee available and arrange a band/music. Date would be between 17 Sept to 16 Oct.
- Committee agreed. Miles offered to submit a grant application.

ACTION: Miles to prepare a grant application for the maximum \$2,500.

9. BRADFIELD STREET TREES E-PETITION- Robyn Rennie

- The Bradfield group is now formally petitioning for replacement of the pines with appropriate deciduous planting. The Leader of the Opposition, Elizabeth Lee, has undertaken to sponsor this.
- The group would like DCA to consider sharing news of how to access this E-petition with the DCA community
- A flyer with a QR code to the e-petition and suggested cover words provided.
- Committee agreed to distribute the petition but cover words to be neutral to not indicate a DCA position on the issue.

ACTION: Jacqui to email the flyer with neutral cover note- simply making it available for individual's consideration/action.

10. Heritage interpretive signs- Miles Boak

- Miles noted that he had applied for a grant in 2009 for the original signs which were now getting a bit tired. One had to be replaced recently due to vandalism.
- Suggested including a new one to mark the Primary School site.
- Miles offered to apply for the grant which is open in March 2023.

ACTION: Agenda item for November meeting.

NEXT DCA MEETING

Monday 5 September 7.30pm

Robyn Rennie– DCA Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava- Secretary