

MINUTES

Downer Community Association Committee meeting

7.30 pm 2 October 2023
Downer Community Centre

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Robyn Rennie (Chair), Miles Boak, Amit Barkay, Suzanne Pitson, Patrika Ruby, Aniko Carey, Leon Arundell.

Apologies: Stephen Sedgwick, Jacqui Pinkava.

2. Correspondence

Suzanne provided a correspondence report (see below)

3. Acceptance of August committee meeting minutes

The draft minutes were accepted, subject to correction of a typo.

4. Action items from previous meeting

Amit has erected a “people crossing” sign in Frencham Place.

Password-protected WiFi has been installed in the Downer Centre.

Miles spent \$200 on materials for the garden, and will seek reimbursement.

No success yet with installing handrails in the ladies toilet. Considering changing one toilet cubicle door to open outwards, for better disabled access.

5. Centre liaison- Stephen Sedgwick

No report.

6. Treasurers report- Stephen Sedgwick

Stephen to provide.

7. NCCC meeting report – Leon Arundell

The meeting discussed a [proposal from the Molonglo and Weston Creek community councils, for reform of ACT Government funding and contractual arrangements for community Councils.](#)

Leon gave a presentation on *Public Transport Futures*.

8. Party at shops preparation

Website has the correct date (8 October) but is yet to have the day of the week corrected (actually a Sunday).

9. SeeChange accepting Centre Admin role

We discussed Stephen’s concerns, and agreed that Miles would provide SEE-Change with the job description and a pay offer (suggested offer is 8 hours per week at \$35 per hour plus superannuation – about \$320 per week), with a proposed agreement for SEE-Change to account for the time and activities involved. Committee members indicated that they would be available from time to time for jobs such as letting people into rooms.

10. Annual General Meeting- The AGM Mon 27 Nov.

BBQ at 6.30 pm on Monday 27 November, with AGM to follow at 7.30 pm.

We agreed that Miles could spend up to \$400 on a second BBQ.

11. Any other business

We agreed for Miles to draft a letter of thanks to Paul Costigan for his advocacy on behalf of the Downer community.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Next meeting 7.30 pm Monday November 6.

Correspondence report correspondence acted upon

Date	Correspondence	Action
07/09/23	Email from Fran Parker noting change of email address	Suzanne provided interim response and referred to Jacqui
11/09/23	Email from Canberra Environment Centre for Downer Community Association for \$800	forwarded to DCA Treasurer.
12/09/23	Email from TCCS Community Engagement regarding preliminary design released for new Inner North play space – consultation closes 25 October	For action – DCA email newsletter update(?)
12/09/23	Email regarding consultation engagement on Garden City Cycle Route update and invitation to briefing on preliminary plans on 19 October	For action – DCA email newsletter update(?)
18/09/23	Email from Jenny Howard with “follow up” on website design	Referred to Secretary
19/09/23	Email query from Lyneham P&C about running a stall at the Downer Party at the shops	Already actioned by Amit
21/09/23	Email from Noreen Higgins “thanking for your order”	Referred to Treasurer
25/09/23	Email from National Trust ACG regarding ACT Region Heritage Symposium, 14 October	Include in DCA email newsletter (?)
26/09/23	Email from Peta Stamell, of Lyneham, wondering how does Downer generate ACT Government support for all of its beautiful parks	Suzanne provided interim response; and shared with Amit

Correspondence report: correspondence noted

Date	Correspondence
05/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer – zone rules reform
06/09/23	Email from Sanjiv offering to redesign the DCA website
11/09/23	Email from the ACT Government’s Better Regulation Taskforce on Canberra’s Night-time Economy – inviting feedback
11/09/23	Email from Elections ACT Electoral Commissioner – advising that ACT electoral boundaries for 2024 election have been announced
11/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer regarding planning reforms
11/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer regarding additional housing data
12/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer regarding heritage tree corridor article
12/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer on planning reforms
13/09/23	Propaganda email from Rebecca Vassarotti on ACT Government release of interim Territory Plan which will apparently “deliver a more beautiful, liveable, sustainable

	ACT for people, biodiversity and heritage” [presumably complete with unicorns]
13/09/23	Email from TCCS TCMarketing advising of new bus timetable
13/09/23	Email invitation to Inner North and Gunghalin Interface – Active Travel Masterplan Consultation online teams meeting on 18 September
15/09/23	email from the Clerk of the ACT Public Assembly “Matters of Public Importance”
17/09/23	Two emails from Sue Dyer on ACT planning reform
19/09/23	Email from Sue Dyer regarding using AI to assess development applications in the ACT
20/09/23	Email (again) regarding Inner North and Gungahlin Interface Active Travel Masterplan
22/09/23	Another propaganda email from the Clerk of the ACT Public Assembly “Matters of Public Importance”

Robyn Rennie
Convenor

Leon Arundell
Acting Secretary