

## **DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2 OCTOBER 2022 MEETING**

### **PRESENT**

Jacqui Pinkava, Leon Arundell, Robyn Rennie, Stephen Sedgwick.

Note: Current constitution requires a quorum of 5. Therefore this is merely a record of a gathering!

**APOLOGIES:** Amit Barkay, Patti Kendall, Sue Dyer, Miles Boak, Aniko and Peter Carey, Simone Gray, Suzanne Pitson (note it is a long weekend!)

Commenced 7.35pm, chaired by Robyn Rennie. Concluded 8.15pm.

### **1. DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED- Jacqui Pinkava**

Corro of significance:

6 Sept- ACT Planning- invitation to participate in preliminary planning of Garden City Cycle Route. Watson, through eastern side of NB Ave to Civic. Ride and workshop. Sue participated via screen and I did in person.

9 Sept- Sue Dyer- link to Riotact article on changing role of CHC- gov closes door on CHC model.

10 Sept- Sue D- link to a Paul Costigan article in CityNews about solving embarrassing DA issues by getting Minister Gentleman to use his calling in powers- cited Dickson Coles, Dickson Common Ground.

12 Sept- OUTGOING. E-newsletter re Goodwin DA, Constitution draft seeking comments, website update, Nadia's Wednesdays, ABS Stats on Downer sent to members.

Various positive responses (including one from Sam H-S in Malaysia) but no comments on the Draft Constitution.

13 Sept- Sue D- link to CT article about coordinated sale of 3 blocks on Melba St and building of up to 17 dwellings on the site.

Couple of emails intended for Centre Coordinator- Helen Keogh for room for Friday yoga and Catherine Mpofu having trouble in contacting Centre Coord- sorted.

26 Sept- Joss McAlpine- ACT Gov- Floriade, wanting to take photos and looking for a quote. Forwarded to Miles and Amit a couple of days after the visit! (see Item 9)

28 Sept- Fran Parker- noting that Downer is very non-religious- 54% vs 43% ACT and 38% Aust.

3 Oct- Yowani. Wanting to know if DCA put in comments to the concept plan on the 800-900 dwellings mooted for the development. Sue has put in a submission.

### **2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS REPORT**

Minutes from the 5 September 2022 meeting- unable to be approved as no quorum. Draft uploaded to DCA website.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **3. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Split heater grant- Amit.** Seeking committee's advice on the budget limit. Being sought out of session but likely to be \$5,000. Note, ACT Gov will pay 50% up to \$5,000.

**ACTION: Amit to seek a third quote to a maximum of \$5,000. Check that the Centre has 3 Phase power.**

- **New noticeboards- Jacqui.** Matching noticeboards have been fitted to the left of the two hall doors. Email of thanks sent to Jim Dehlsen. Photo of completed work sent to NCCC.

**ACTION: Leon to follow up with NCCC at their next meeting and report**

- **Website improvement- Stephen.** Site has been backed up, possibly for the first time! A “sandpit” site has been created. Link to draft new Constitution added successfully. Requested that a missing file (a video on how to use the Centre heaters) be sought from Sam Hussey-Smith.

**ACTION: Jacqui to email Sam H-S to see if he has the “.mov” file- done. Stephen to follow up with Denys Garden about updated photos for the website. Stephen to send link of site copy to the Committee to look at it and improvements made.**

- **Payment process for Berry/Legge St park- Stephen.** An email has been sent to the contact outlining the process. Reimbursement for \$14.80 recorded in treasurer’s report.
- **Connection to watertank-** Jacqui to inform Fiona Dickson (done) who initiated the Frogpond project that at long last this has been achieved. Thank you Amit.

#### **4. CENTRE LIAISON- Stephen Sedgwick**

- Adele Cameron has not been in touch, so her resignation is deemed final. Stephen pointed out an issue around superannuation to be paid for her one month’s wage. No Superannuation fund details were provided by Adele.

**ACTION: Stephen to contact the ATO to see what has to be done re employer contribution.**

- A tenant has approached Stephen inquiring about jobs available at the Centre.

**ACTION: Stephen to follow up with this person to see if they are interested in the Centre Coordinator position. If so, advise Robyn Rennie. Robyn to see if Patti Kendall available to be on an interview panel.**

- Toilet remains out of order- leaking cistern, so not a sanitary hazard. No indication of remedy.
- Majura Women’s materials still blocking fire access. They have not been contacted. Stephen doing some clearing.
- Noted that two tenants have left, but a yoga teacher has returned.

#### **CENTRE UNRESOLVED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES- AGAIN!**

- 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
- Purchase of table stacker- Amit

#### **5. TREASURER’S REPORT- Stephen Sedgwick**

- Current account balance in all three accounts (working, special projects and term deposit) is \$97,753. Working account is \$67,453.
- September saw a net increase of \$3,394 into the working account.
- Income from payment of room hire and key bonds amounted to \$5,377.
- Total expenses for September totalled \$2,167. Major expenses being- \$1,650 for the connection of the water tank and ACTEW bill of \$517.
- DCA continues to administer grants for the Berry St park and the Bike Pump Track.

#### **6. NCCC meeting report- Leon Arundell**

- Leon to send dot points to Jacqui to put in this record

## PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

### 7. UPDATE OF THE DCA CONSTITUTION – Leon Arundell

- Leon noted that he had received only one comment in response to the E-newsletter or from the website? It gave support for the changes. Jacqui reported that she had not received any comments on the draft constitution.

**ACTION: Draft to be circulated along with the invitation to the AGM (see Other Business)**

### 8. GOODWIN DEVELOPMENT- Jacqui

- As a person who has registered interest, Jacqui read salient points of a letter sent out to people who have registered interest. Goodwin have asked their design team to rework the plans for the building fronting Bradfield street to allow for the required set back to be restored and their DA to be reconsidered. This is likely to result in changed floor plans for this north facing building which will be presented to prospective buyers once approval has been obtained.

### 9. FLORIADE and Square - Miles Boak via an email

- Presume Miles did not submit for a grant for a Floriade event in the Square.
- Followed up with person from Floriade to provide some comments on our Floriade display. Jacqui to request copy of photos and words (or link to) to include in E-Newsletter.
- Noted that he and Greg Mulvaney top dressed the centre grass and bought some bark chips for the Square garden.

### 10. OTHER BUSINESS – AGM PLANNING

- Discussion around date as “late November” mentioned in latest E-newsletter. Out of session Robyn and Jacqui have settled on **Monday 28 November**.
- Current constitution does not specify lead up time to inform the membership- just says- “An Annual General Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures of all General Meetings set out at clauses 27 to 31A inclusive.” There are no clauses attached.
- A vote on the updated Constitution is business to be transacted. Our new draft goes into some detail about 7 days if sending by email for business to be transacted.
- Need to have our finances audited, Treasurer’s Report, Convenor’s Report, call for committee nominations, etc.
- Do we want to have a BBQ event?

**ACTION: Stephen- Arrange for the auditing of the books.**

## NEXT DCA MEETING

Monday 7 November 7.30pm

Robyn– DCA Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava- Secretary