

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 7 NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING

PRESENT

Jacqui Pinkava, Leon Arundell, Stephen Sedgwick, Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Suzanne Pitson

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Patti Kendall, Sue Dyer, Robyn Rennie. Absent: Simone Gray.

Commenced 7.40pm, in the absence of Robyn, chaired by Miles Boak. Concluded 9.00 pm.

2. DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED- Jacqui Pinkava

Corro of significance:

7 Oct- Tania Parkes for Kamberra Estate DV update. Sue Dyer 10 Oct on same issue

24 Oct- Fiona Dickson on frog pond (see item 10)

28 Oct- Purdon on Yowani re online info sessions 3rd, 9th Nov.

1 Nov- Sue Dyer noting new draft District Strategy- swathes of Downer coloured yellow- "Future Investigation Areas"

5 Nov- Weebly- require update of DCA website log-in (see item 4)

7 Nov- Access Canberra- Goodwin Downer DA Reconsideration documentation.

3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS REPORT

Record of meeting (no quorum) on 3 October 2022- approved.

REPORTS:

4. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Split heater grant- Amit.** Reported that he is meeting next week to get two new quotes. He will speak with SEEChange (Brook Clinton) to see if they can put in a grant application for their heater which frees up DCA to put in another grant for other heaters in the Centre.
- **Website improvement- Stephen.** No work done on this as busy with other matters. Actions remain as per last month- see below.
- Website host (Weebly) now owned by Square. DCA received notifications of need to update log-in. Jacqui and Stephen met to sort this out.

ACTION: Stephen to follow up with Sam H-S re ".mov" file for heater operation.
Stephen to follow up with Denys Garden about updated photos for the website.
Stephen to send link to website copy to the Committee for review and input.

- **Neighbourhood Watch- Robyn-** not present, no update.

5. CENTRE LIAISON- Stephen Sedgwick

- No contact made with ATO, so action item remains-

ACTION: Stephen to contact the ATO to see what has to be done re employer superannuation contribution for Adele Cameron.

- **Centre Co-ordinator Position.** A tenant approached Stephen in September inquiring about jobs available at the Centre. No action taken on this, therefore-

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.

- Majura Women's materials still blocking fire access. Sorted out at end of meeting by Miles, Amit and Stephen moving things away from fire exit door

ACTION: Stephen to contact the group to advise them that their materials have been moved and to keep the fire exit doorway clear.

- Table-stackers. Amit has not been able to find stackers suitable for the folding tables.

ACTION: Miles to contact Men's Shed to see if they can make a table stacker.

- Pile of defunct fluorescent tubes removed. Committee members to take to Resource Management Centre for safe disposal.
- Stephen reported on smell in kitchen that comes and goes. Currently gone.
- Medical cabinet has been refreshed.
- Toilet possibly fixed by Jim Dehlsen, voluntary handyperson.
- AED alarm function has been switched off as the unit is positioned in a locked facility.
- Cancellation of some one-off bookings noted.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT- Stephen Sedgwick

- Current account balance in all three accounts (working, special projects and term deposit) is \$95,881. Working account is \$70,578.
- October saw a net increase of \$3,200 into the working account. This includes the noticeboard grant of \$500 received from the NCCC.
- Income from payment of room hire and key bonds amounted to \$5,101. Invoices for this term to be sent out. Invoices to secure 2023 bookings for long term tenants have been sent out.
- Total expenses for October totalled \$2,391- \$1,871 for ACTEW bills and \$520 for wages.
- DCA continues to administer grants for the Berry St park and the Bike Pump Track from the Special Projects account currently at \$18,343.
- **Audit of DCA accounts in preparation for AGM.** Stephen reported that he and Miles have prepared the documents and he will be meeting with the auditor on 11 November. Expects the documents to be ready in time for the 28 November AGM.

7. NCCC meeting report- Leon Arundell

- Leon has provided a written report of the 19 October meeting (filed). Of note is: "Residents associations are asked to ensure that their reps attend the AGM on 23 November, to nominate their two representatives, and to consider potential nominations for office bearer positions".
- Leon agreed to continue as the DCA rep. No second rep volunteers.

PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

8. AGM 28 NOVEMBER

- Stephen is confident the auditor will have done the audit of the DCA financial documents in time. See Item 5 above.
- Distribution of draft updated Constitution to DCA members required in order the document be voted on at the AGM.

ACTION: Jacqui -Draft to be distributed along with the invitation to the AGM via E-newsletter (done 10 Nov)

- BBQ with drinks in the Square prior to AGM- agreed.

ACTION: Amit to organise the BBQ and supplies. Leon offered to turn snags.

- Committee nominations. Miles, Suzanne and Amit expressed willingness to continue on the committee in 2023. Miles noted that he will be an apology for the AGM.

ACTION: Nomination form for Miles to be done prior to him going away.

9. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SURROUNDING DOWNER

- **Yowani Grounds-** Redevelopment of the Yowani Golf Course area that borders Northbourne Ave and therefore overlooks the lower western boundary of Downer. <https://www.purdon.com.au/2022/08/31/block-7-section-67-lyneham-yowani-country-club/> Public consultation period has ended. Purdon expect to submit a DA shortly. TP Dynamics is the developer.

ACTION: Miles to talk to Sue Dyer about his concerns re: flood zone, rat-run through Swinden St extension to Ginninderra Drive, and commercial elements of the development. Possibly will put in a pre-DA submission on 11 November.

- **Kamberra Estate-** formally the Kamberra Winery complex and Palliative Care. To be developed by the Elvin Group. Area bordered by the racecourse to the east, Flemington Rd to the north, Barton highway to the south and upper western border of Downer to Phillip Ave. <https://kamberraestate.wordpress.com/> The ACT Planning and Land Authority public notification of [Territory Plan Variation DV383](#) for community feedback will be from **7 October to 18 November 2022**.
- **Goodwin Downer Reconsideration DA-** invitation to comment received 7 November. Some 50 reconsideration documents (75MB) to comment on via an online portal called Objective Connect. Due date appears to be **18 November**.

ACTION: Miles and Suzanne to review documentation and provide comment if appropriate. Sue Dyer has provided copies of the three most salient documents, as identified by ACT Planning. Suzanne and Miles have received these plus the portal via forwarded emails.

- ## 10. FROG POND OPENING-
- Fiona Dickson who instigated and coordinated the relocation of the pond would like to officially open it with a ceremony by local indigenous leader Wally Bell. Committee concluded that it is up to Fiona to arrange.

ACTION: Jacqui to replay this decision to Fiona, noting that the only public event being organised is the AGM on 28 November. (done)

11. OTHER BUSINESS –

- **Solar panels and EV charging station- Amit.** Looking into feasibility of DCA getting a \$15,000 grant to do this.
- **Bike Pump Track- Amit.** Gave a report on progress. Initial design plan received. Reassured the Committee that the ACT Government is covering the insurance.
- **Berry St park- Miles-** reported that 20 people turned up for the working bee. Noted that the project coordinators would like a more streamlined way to access their grant funds. Floated idea of an account with their grant money which they could access. Stephen said this was not possible given the grant acquittal process. Stephen suggested that they could give invoices to him to pay.
- **DCA Community grants-** 2023 committee to implement its own grants program for “meaningful projects that benefit the Downer community”- eg playground equipment, park improvements etc.

NEXT DCA MEETING

Monday 28 November 2022, 6pm for BBQ, 7.30pm for AGM.

Miles – a/g DCA Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava- Secretary