

## **DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 5 DECEMBER 2022 MEETING**

### **PRESENT**

Robyn Rennie, Jacqui Pinkava, Leon Arundell, Stephen Sedgwick, Amit Barkay, Suzanne Pitson, Simone Gray, Patrika Sheehan, Peter and Aniko Carey.

#### **1. APOLOGIES:** Miles Boak, Sue Dyer.

Commenced 7.30pm, chaired by Robyn- Convenor Concluded 8.50pm.

#### **2. DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED- Jacqui Pinkava** Corro of significance (not recorded at the meeting):

8 Nov- Alison Percival, Dickson Tradies Club- request to meet with DCA re: how to best spend funding to “improve the lives of people living in the Inner North”. Agenda item.

10 Nov- Sue Dyer- copy of response from Jo Clay MLA re Planning Review, District Plan Strategies. Sue raised issues of too many planning issues to comment on- too much and too soon- overload.

19 Nov- Fiona Dickson re. frog pond official opening. Response to DCA leaving it to her to organise. She is thinking March 2023. Mentioned need to organise weeding of pond as no sound of frogs. Will get in touch with Miles.

1 Dec- Office of Elizabeth Lee MLA- wanting update of DCA committee convenor contacts.

Replied 2 Dec- cc Robyn

4 Dec- Robyn Sirr- Bradfield Tree petition tabled in ACT Legislative Assembly.

#### Outgoing:

22 Nov- E-Newsletter re: AGM & BBQ, Draft 2021 AGM minutes and committee nomination forms attached.

2 Dec- response to Fran Parker (1 Dec request) re: info on the Centre Co-ordinator position.

30 Nov- E-Newsletter- outcome of AGM, new committee etc, and noting comments on District Strategy available on HaveYourSay website.

#### **3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS REPORT**

Minutes of 7 November 2022- approved. Loaded on DCA website.

### **REPORTS:**

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

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- **Split heater grant- Amit.** Reported that he has received a number of quotes in the range \$3,500-3,800. 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. Actions remain-

<p><b>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.</b></p>
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- **Neighbourhood Watch-** Robyn has been in contact again but no response. Decision to abandon the idea of linking with them.

## 6. 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.**

- East hall fire exit door still not compliant.

**ACTION: Stephen to contact the Majura Women's Group to move their materials and to keep the fire exit doorway clear.**

**Amit- will tape the area 1mx1m to indicate it must be kept clear.**

- Table-stackers. Commercial ones are not suitable.

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

- Noise levels from the Mountain Fire church group (third Sunday of the month) is too loud- exceeding 45-50 decibel limit for small local centre in a residential area.

**ACTION: Stephen to contact tenant to be compliant with noise restriction.**

- Missing new BBQ- Amit had to use own BBQ at AGM. Whereabouts of BBQ bought at beginning of year unknown.

**ACTION: Amit to contact Miles re BBQ whereabouts.**

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT- Stephen Sedgwick

- Current account balance in all three accounts (working, special projects and term deposit) is \$95,012. Working account is \$69,215
- November saw a deficit of \$1,490 in the working account. This was due to a grant payment of \$2,695 to the Berry Street park for design work.
- Income from payment of room hire and key bonds amounted to \$2,601 of which \$300 was for key bonds.
- Total expenses for November totalled \$1,310. The significant expenses were-\$880 for ACTEW bills, \$228 mulch reimbursement, \$200 refund to tenant Dementia Australia, \$493 for replacement room keys (some discussion about what happens to the keys!) plus restocking of medical cabinet and venue cleaning.
- DCA continues to administer grants for the Berry St park and the Bike Pump Track from the Special Projects account currently at \$18,343.

**ACTION: Amit to be reimbursed \$460 for AGM BBQ purchases.**

## 8. NCCC meeting report- Leon Arundell

- Leon has provided a written report of the 16 November AGM. Of note are the new NCCC office bearers: Chair Jochen Zeil, Deputy Chair- Chris Finnigan, Treasurer- Bruce Smith, Secretary- Ian Hubbard, Media Coordinator- Marcus Hipkins.
- Leon Arundell nominated as the Downer residents association representative.
- Invitations to be sent out to residents associations to join an Affordable Housing working group.

## PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

### 9. CENTRE CO-ORDINATOR RECRUITMENT – Stephen

- A tenant approached Stephen in September inquiring about jobs available at the Centre. Stephen can no longer recall who. This opportunity considered closed.
- DCA was contacted by local resident Fran Parker who will forward position information to someone (Anne) she thinks may be interested. Position details provided 2 December. Possible person to contact Stephen directly. Will await outcome of this before considering other options.
- If no outcome from this interest, then start again in January.
- Robyn Sirr (The Bradfield) has offered to advertise position via her network

## 10. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SURROUNDING DOWNER

- **Goodwin Downer Reconsideration DA-** Suzanne noted that DCA did not provide comment.
- **Public Meeting on Development** activities affecting Downer and surrounding areas – request to Ben Ponton, Chief Planner to address a meeting on 6 February 2023. Prior to the meeting Suzanne Pitson circulated a draft letter. Sue Dyer added transport issues.

**ACTION: Final draft to be cleared by Robyn, with contact point added. To be sent from DCA mail box ASAP. Done 11 Dec.**

## 11. IDEAS TO SPEND DCA MONEY

- **Solar panels and EV charging station- Amit.** Looking into feasibility of DCA getting a \$15,000 grant to do this. Initial quote for two EV charging units installed is \$13,190. This does not include what needs to be set up regarding administration and installation of PV array to supply the power. Amit is meeting with Solar Hub 7 Dec.

**ACTION: Amit to send information from Solar Hub meeting before next meeting – Feb 2023. Agenda item.**

- **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. Guidelines to access grants to be thought through out of session.

**ACTION: Convenor to call an out of session meeting inviting a sub-committee to work on guidelines for community grants.**

## 12. MEET WITH DICKSON TRADIES CLUB

- Set up a meeting time in March. Likely DCA reps- Amit, Patrika and Robyn (TBC).

## NEXT DCA MEETING

Monday 6 February 2023, 7.30pm

Robyn Rennie- DCA Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava- Secretary