

## **DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

Downer Community Centre, 2 April 2018

### **PRESENT**

Miles Boak, Amit Barkay, Jim Dehlsen, Jacqui Pinkava, Kerri Paloni (Centre Coordinator)

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Chair Miles Boak

## **1. APOLOGIES/MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **MEETING APOLOGIES**

- Denys Garden
- Brian Callaghan
- Stephen Sedgewick
- Patti Kendall
- Greg Mulvaney
- Sam Hussey-Smith

### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Accepted ex- Meeting.

### **WELCOME**

Miles welcomed Kerri Paloni as the new Centre Coordinator. Amit and Miles provided an overview of the tasks involved. Kerri has been provided with a duty statement for the position. A start date yet to be determined.

### **ACTION:**

- Kerri to email Stephen Sedgewick to arrange a time for handover of any finance related tasks.
- Amit to arrange for the purchase of a DCA mobile phone and plan. Expect it to be through Kogan at a cost of \$260 for the phone and \$180 for the annual plan.
- Amit to advise of new mobile phone number for inclusion on website (Sam Hussey-Smith) and Centre sign. Landline to be decommissioned.

### **DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- Tessa Robert, Place Management and City Presentation, ACT Government. Advice that pergola and walkway in Centre Square to be removed, but clocktower to remain. No timing of works provided in letter. See Item 5.

- Tanya Parks, on behalf of Kamberra on Federal, inviting Downer residents to provide comment on the City and Gateway Draft Framework. Noted- The Framework allows for much of what we have discussed with the community in our co-design master planning workshops but differs markedly in relation to height limits which impact the remaining area of open space. You will recall we discussed a varied built form ranging from 4-12 storeys (using the topography of the site) to allow for 67% *open space*, whereas the draft Framework provides for 18 metres (about 5- 6 storeys) across the site and 22 metres (about 6-7 storeys) at the Phillip Avenue node which would allow for around 30% *open space*.

Outgoing:

- Email to all DCA email list members inviting them to the 9 April City and Gateway Draft Framework consultations.

## **2. CENTRE LIAISON OFFICER REPORT- Amit**

- Have been issues since refit (asbestos removal, electrical switchboard replaced, new ceiling, LED lights, carpet replacement)
- Problems with doors and fans still to be resolved by the ACT Government
- Gutters to be fixed by ACT Government.
- Key for electrical switchboard missing.
- New Centre Co-ordinator, Kerri Paloni appointed. (see above)

## **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- No report provided.

## **4. LEASE ON DOWNER COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- Due to lack of a quorum, vote to be finalised via email.

### **ACTION:**

- Miles to email to obtain the required vote of five people to agree to the ACT Property Group's lease agreement for the Downer Community Centre (dated 26 March 2018). This has been done, on 3 April 2018 with agreement from: Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Jacqui Pinkava, Patti Kendall and Greg Mulvaney.
- Miles to respond to ACT Government by 6 April, accepting the five year lease.

## **5. DOWNER SQUARE WORKING GROUP UPDATE/ CHC DEVELOPMENT**

- Amit referred to 6 March email from Tessa Roberts providing progress on the upgrade. No commitment by ACT Government concerning payment or timing.
- Square re-development working group has not met recently.
- Njegosh Popovic, the owner of the shops, is dealing directly with the Minister and CHC on the redevelopment of the square. He has undertaken to keep the DCA informed.
- CHC Development- Rhiannon McClelland has advised DCA that the release of Stage 1- 37 townhouses is expected on 1 June 2018. CHC is to provide information on the process that will give Downer residents first offer. It is

expected that Stage 2 will be townhouse developments rather than apartments.

**ACTION:**

- Amit to email Tessa Roberts to find out when works on the square will commence and to inform her of issues including power to the clock and phone lines that run along the pergola scheduled to be removed.

**6. DICKSON ACAT (COLES/DOMA) APPEAL OUTCOME**

- DA application refused. Decision handed down at 4.30pm on Thursday 29 March. A copy of the decision of the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal tabled.
- Refused on the grounds that a number of planning rules were not complied with.

**7. GATEWAY STUDY RELEASE MEETING 9 APRIL**

- Due to absence of Miles, Amit to chair the meeting to seek public comment on the City and Gateway Draft Framework.

**ACTION:**

- Jacqui to send out reminder email to all members of the DCA email list. Send the ACT Government invitation, not the map of area affected. Done -3 April.

**8. NEXT DCA MEETING**

7 May.

Meeting closed 7.45 pm.

Miles Boak  
Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava  
Secretary