

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Downer Community Centre, 2 July 2018

PRESENT

Amit Barkay, Jacqui Pinkava, Philipa Sturgiss-Hoy, Greg Mulvaney, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie

Peter Carey, Tammette Woods, Suzanne Pitson, Jim Dehlsen

Meeting opened 7.05pm

Chair: Amit Barkay. Miles on holiday.

1. APOLOGIES/MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING APOLOGIES

Miles Boak, Sam Hussey-Smith, Steven Sedgwick, Denys Garden, Brian Callahan

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Accepted. To be signed upon Miles' return.

DCA CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND ISSUES RAISED

See Attachment A for correspondence received to DCA inbox. Issues raised in correspondence-

- Bus route 39. Raised by Philida and discussed at NCCC meeting 20 June. Proposed new Rapid R9 service to link from Watson, via Dickson to Belconnen. Route 50 replaces route 39. Change at Dickson to Light Rail or stay on to North Lyneham, Lyneham, O'Connor, Turner and then Civic.

ACTION: Send email to DCA members with link to website

<https://canberrabuses.com.au/>

To alert to proposed changes and invite residents to complete survey. Consultation ends 12 August. DONE 3 July JP.

Note: Barbara Burns (Transport Working Group) advised that she has stepped aside.

- The Bradfield, DA approved or not issue. Resolved with an apology (via Rob Miller, a resident) from ACT Planning that their earlier reply was incorrect. DA was lodged and is approved. LJHooker disclaimer on brochure to be ignored.

2. CENTRE LIAISON OFFICER REPORT- Amit

- Centre gas heater issue (raised in Correspondence) – Elizabeth Marburg from the Canberra Flower Club wrote stating that heaters did not work and of the difficulty in finding the right contact numbers to get the problem fixed. Requested that the rent for the room be waived due to the discomfort/ frustration. Amit advised that he had spoken directly to Elizabeth. He noted that all tenants have been given the new mobile number for the Centre.

ACTION: Amit to check that all phone numbers listed around the Centre (including at the SEEChange office, displays the new mobile number). Amit to send Elizabeth a link to the “How to use the heaters” video on the DCA website-

<http://www.downercommunityassociation.org/uploads/1/2/4/3/12436620/heaters.mov>
Committee agreed to waive the room charge for 12 June as a gesture of good faith.

- ACT Government has provided a new Asbestos Report for the building which needs to be displayed on site. All loose asbestos removed from ceiling, asbestos within the tiles remain but are of no risk.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT – Amit in Stephen’s absence

- Provided as email. Attached as hard copy.
- Expenses in June approximately \$1,880 with wages being the biggest portion (\$1,056) and the remaining \$823 being general maintenance, utilities and key cutting.
- Expense anticipated for July of \$2,711 for printing of Downer@50 books.
- Noted that the ACT Property Group has not requested payment for carpet and guttering as yet.
- Insurance and follow up with NCCC on their insurance arrangements still be resolved- Stephen to follow up with John Leiber, NCCC on insurance.

4. DOWNER SQUARE UPDATE- Amit

- Expect fences to go up on 12 July with construction to commence on 16 July. Three car parking places to be commandeered for a site office. Practical completion expected by late September.

ACTION: Amit to advise tenants of this timetable just in case Niegosh Popovic, the owner, has not. Works are not expected to effect access to tenant’s premises.

- Mentioned that Peter’s Wine Shop is possibly to be the final shop tenant subject to outcome of public comment on Peter Dietsch’s application for an Off Liquor Licence. http://www.cmd.act.gov.au/open_government/inform/find-a-public-notice/public-notice/application-for-liquor-licence189

5. BETTER SUBURBS KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATIONS- Jacqui

- On 22 June Louise Lawton from ACT Govt's Better Suburbs team sent an email to DCA about a community activity called "Better Suburbs Kitchen Table Conversations", inviting Canberrans to do a group exercise to prioritise city (suburban) services that are priorities for them. This will lead into a Citizen's Forum in August 2018 to develop a "Better Suburbs Statement".
- Physical packs (Parts 1 and 2) were provided to show the intended activity. These packs can be picked up from libraries and the ACT Shop Front.

ACTION: Jacqui to forward the email to the DCA members and invite them to have these conversations amongst their family or Downer neighbours/friends. Done 3 July JP.

6. SPRING FETE/ SQUARE OPENING CELEBRATION

- Given expected time overrun on Square upgrade (Item 4 above), plan for late October after the school holidays.
- Suggested that a local politician be invited to open the revitalised Downer Square as part of the fete.

ACTION: Amit to contact ACT Government to discuss protocols for the Square opening.

7. OTHER MATTERS- Patti

- Patti requests information on what is happening with The City and Gateway Framework.

ACTION: Amit/Miles to get in contact with Petra Oswald from the Gateway Team to arrange a suitable time to speak to the Downer community about the outcomes from the submission process (ended 6 May).

- CHC What is happening? Questions about their commitment to affordable housing. Concerns about CHC given the ACT government calling in its \$50 million loan. <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/politics/act/chc-facing-difficult-future-after-act-calls-in-50-million-loan-20180417-p4za3r.html>
- Concerns about management changes which is affecting the level of community engagement. Feel that DCA provided a lot of support and compromise in getting the project off the ground.

ACTION: Amit to continue trying to contact CHC to invite them to give an update.

- Suzanne Pitson on behalf of the Blacket Street Group, offered a draft flyer for possible distribution or inclusion in a Downer newsletter. Flyer draws attention to the Gateway Framework, the CHC development and Yowani developments taking place.
- Patti asked if NCCC put in a submission on the Gateway Framework.

ACTION: Pending outcome of discussion with Petra Oswald, include in newsletter inviting all Downer residents to a special DCA meeting on The Gateway and possibly other developments in the suburb and surrounds.

Denys to include/ modify for newsletter. Jacqui to forward draft flyer.

Jacqui contacted Denis O'Brien at the NCCC and received a copy of their submission on the City and Gateway Draft Framework. Attached to these Minutes.

- Acknowledgement of country. Amit suggested that the Committee should commence each meeting with an acknowledgement of country. This was agreed.

ACTION: Amit to provide the appropriate words.

8. NEXT DCA MEETING

6 August 2018.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm.

Amit Barkay
Acting Convenor

Jacqui Pinkava
Secretary

DCA CORRESPONDENCE

5 June -1 July 2018 for 070218 Minutes

13 June- City Gateway Team ACT Gov

Report notes on outcomes of 9 April workshop at Downer Centre. Available at YourSay website.

Outgoing- forwarded 14 June to all on DCA email list. One response.

17 June- Rob Miller resident. Link to JHooker The Bradfield on line brochure noting prices!

18 June- NCCC invite to 20 June meeting.

Outgoing- forwarded to all on DCA email list.

22 June response from Susan Reid resident- good meeting!

19 June- Keenan Veraar LJ Hooker sales with copy of full The Bradfield brochure.

20 June- Philida #39 bus stops on Melba. Also to Miles.

21 June- Peter Steele- ACT Gov response to Miles with diagram of bus stop popularity (Printed)

24 June- Miles responded noting that CHC aware and expecting 300 new dwellings nearby.

2 July forwarded to Barbara Burns, bus working group person?

22 June- Louise Lawton Better Suburbs Team- TCCS- kit (Hard copies). Inviting Canberrans to get together to discuss what they want in terms of services in their suburbs.

Emails between Miles and Amit about how DCA could assist this.

24 June- Rob Miller- noting fine print on LJ Hooker The Bradfield brochure saying that subject to DA approval. Also including response from Chloe Howarth suggesting that DA NOT been lodged! Printed.

24 June- Keenan Veraar- JLH- assuring that the DA has been approved

24 June- Rob Miller in response to this, asking if we know for certain DA approved?

Note: ACT Gov Planning Alerts website notes that DA for Section 61, Block 17, ACTPLA Ref 201731204 has closed a year ago. No mention of approval.

3 July, Rob Miller advised that ACT Planning sent apology on incorrect information.

26 June- Alexandra Ford, volunteer with Southern Harvest, cced to Downer Centre requesting use of Downer Square for Friday night distribution of food boxes.

Outgoing- provided mobile phone number for Kerri Paloni.

26 June- Philida. Letter from Flower Club tenants about heating issue and points that need to be addressed (Printed). Amit indicates he has spoken to Elizabeth Marbung about issues.