

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd Sept 2018

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Amit Barkay, Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie, Stephen Sedgwick, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Jim Dehlsen. Visitors: Kieran Fordham (CHC), Brian & Margo O'Malley, Geoff Francis, Sue Dyer, Peter & Aniko Carey.

APOLOGIES

Brian Callahan, Greg Mulvaney, Jacqui Pinkava, Suzanne Pitson

SPECIAL BUSINESS - School site development

Kieran Fordham, CHC, gave a short report on progress and answered questions. Pre-sales targets for the Stage 1 townhouses have been reached, construction contracts have been released and building will start very soon. Lopping of Eucalypt trees in Frencham St and removal and replacement of the first section of pine trees in Bradfield St will commence within a month. CHC will proceed with the approved apartments in Stage 2. However, some floorplans will be revised to double the number of 3-br apartments. Consultation is occurring on the Stage 3 Independent living units.

In answer to questions, Kieran agreed that CHC will advise DCA of the expected timeframes for work on Stage 1 and release of Stage 2. It was also agreed that CHC would liaise with DCA, Downer shops and ACT Government to ensure good connections between CHC's development and Downer Square, especially with access ramps. It was also suggested that Downer residents could be given some priority for ground floor units, but no process was agreed to for this to happen. Apart from some possibility within Stage 3, no provision has been made for community gardens.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 6th August 2018 were accepted with removal of Patti's name from the section on Yowani.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been attached to the draft minutes sent out by the Secretary prior to the meeting. An additional outgoing item was a letter prepared by Suzanne Pitson to the Planning Minister (Gentleman), asking for a meeting about the City and Gateway Urban Design Framework. It was noted that Minister Gentleman is presently overseas so a time could not be set for a meeting with him. A letter had been prepared by Greg Mulvaney to be sent to Yowani with questions about the proposed development. It was agreed that this is suitable with a couple of minor changes.

CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Amit Barkay reported that there had been an inspection of the Centre by ACT Property Group. A new client had requested a booking for the two large halls for a whole day. As this would require existing clients to cancel it was decided to refuse the booking. SEE-Change had asked about more security lighting. It was felt that with existing lighting, security screen repairs and a new lock for the door, there was not a great need for this. Amit agreed to speak to SEE-Change.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer summarised his report. In August there had been income of \$2,082 and expenses of \$3,073, the largest of which was wages (\$1,056). The balance in the working account at the end of August was \$2,848.72. The Treasurer noted that there had been deficits in each of the last 6 months. However, there was a profit of \$1,700 for the financial year ending 30th June. More work is being undertaken on the financial review and a final report should be ready for the November meeting.

CITY & GATEWAY

As reported earlier, ACT Planning have been invited to the October meeting and an attempt made to meet with the Planning Minister. It was suggested that a public meeting be organised to hear about the effects of the Gateway on the suburb of Downer. Sue Dyer noted that Downer appeared to be the first suburb to have higher density housing put into RZ1 areas. 7 pm on 15th October was suggested for the meeting. It was agreed that publicity was important, including a Newsletter, and possibly a flyer and something in the Canberra Times. The Majura Spring Fair was suggested as an opportunity for publicity.

DOWNER SQUARE UPDATE

Miles Boak reported that work appears to be proceeding on time, and the ACT Government plans to hand over Downer Square in early November.

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

Given the above, Saturday 17th November was agreed to as a date for this event. It was also agreed that the AGM could be combined with the Party.

10 am-2 pm: Party at the Shops 2 pm onwards: AGM

Downer Preschool needed to be approached about taking part on 17th Nov

TRANSPORT

Sue Dyer reported that she had put in a 12 page submission highlighting expected changes to travelling times because of the need to transfer between buses & light rail. It was important to get someone from Transport Canberra to talk to us about integrated transport, not just buses or light rail. Patti Kemdall suggested we write to Transport Canberra and raise the main issues before the system is operating next year. Miles Boak agreed to send a letter after consulting with Sue Dyer re. details.

DICKSON-DOWNER HERITAGE WALK

Jane Goffman has organised a walk on Sunday 28th October from 9.30-11.30 am. It was noted that, as before, the walk would start at Dickson Library and come to Downer Centre via Dickson Pool, heritage trees and the plane crash site (near ANCA). Committee members were asked to help provide some food and set up and serve morning tea at about 10.30. Jane had forwarded a flyer with details, which will be put on our website.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Miles Boak reported that Iraj had agreed to host the library in Gang Gang café. Miles and Anne Stearman are to meet with Iraj to plan how the library would work.

DICKSON SHOPS DEVELOPMENT

Miles Boak outlined progress at the mediation session held in August.

SECTION 72 DICKSON

Jane Goffman had sent out an email advising that Carolyn Le Couteur indicated that Common Ground was not the only residential type planned in this area.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 8th October at 7 pm (note, not 1st Monday).

OTHER AGREED DATES

26th September	Newsletter ready for distribution
15th October 7 pm	Special meeting re. City & Gateway
28th October 9.30-11.30 am	Dickson-Downer Heritage Walk (we are responsible for morning tea)
5th November 7 pm	November Committee meeting
17th November	Party at the Shops 10 am-2 pm, followed by AGM (incl elections for Committee)

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Acting Secretary