

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 8th Oct 2018

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm. A welcome to Country was given by Amit Barkay. Visitors were welcomed by Miles Boak.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Amit Barkay, Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie, Stephen Sedgwick, Jim Dehlsen. Visitors: Brian & Margo O'Malley, Suzanne Pitson, Kerry-Ann Hugo, Richard Wood.

APOLOGIES

Brian Callahan, Greg Mulvaney, Jacqui Pinkava, Sam Hussey-Smith, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2018 were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence (attached) was supplied by the Secretary. There were several emails re. the Dickson Shops development. Amit Barkay reported on the mediation:

- This was successful and Coles has applied to withdraw from the Supreme Court hearing
- Aldi has withdrawn from the proposal
- Coles has a new architect and has put up some new design drawings. These include reducing the footprint of the building, providing more space on the Library side, improved entry from the Library plaza side, location of the traveller, locations of the entry and exit ramps to parking, more small retail areas, etc.
- DCA and NCCC have signed a letter of agreement about most of the proposed changes, but reserved the right to negotiate over unresolved matters.

Sue Dyer had emailed about several issues, and requested that DCA put up a display of historical information from the Bicentennial project at the Party at the Shops on 17th November. It was suggested that she be approached to organise this.

Andrew Selth had emailed about trying to save toilets near the shops. It was felt that this was futile, as the Minister had made the decision not to re-open them.

CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Amit Barkay reported that in relation to problems with the heaters ACT Property Group had asked if DCA was willing to contribute towards replacing the gas heaters with electric split systems. Stephen Sedgwick pointed out that technically under our agreement we should only have to pay the up-front fee of \$550. It was agreed that DCA would be willing to enter into discussion about replacement if ACT Property came up with a proposal and costing. However, our funds are limited.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer summarised his report. In the last month there was income of \$3034 and expenses of \$3764, giving a deficit of \$730. The main costs were wages, heater repairs, cleaning of carpets and cost of the mobile phone. Term 3 invoices are about to go out. Accounts have been prepared for the Auditor and will be taken to him shortly. There was discussion of memorial plaques for Di Fielding and Mark Paterson. It was agreed to purchase these at a cost of \$66 each.

CITY & GATEWAY

Miles Boak reported that ACT Planning have been invited to the 15th October meeting, but will talk on process only, as outcomes have not yet been confirmed. Miles reminded members that this was DCA's meeting, so we have to set the agenda. He had printed out some relevant resource documents covering local planning. Downer has a Precinct Code which gives some control over building height, but presently this only covers the old school site. It was agreed that this should be expanded to all of Downer rather than just RZ5 areas.

Patti Kendall raised the issue of NCA's ability to override ACT controls on development. Suzanne Pitson asked, with all the changes proposed, what are the benefits that might flow to Downer? It was agreed that if there was a trade-off, Downer should get better pedestrian access, cycleways, 'rat running' protection and

other public realm benefits. Richard Wood said he had previously spoken to Andrew Barr re. Lyneham wetlands/City Edge and it was suggested that it might be worth writing to him about Downer.

It was agreed that publicity was important for this event, and the following were suggested.

- A letter to Andrew Barr as above
- An reminder email to DCA members
- A flyer with information prepared by Patti Kendall, at least to affected streets
- Miles Boak agreed to approach Jane Goffman to take part as a planner
- Miles Boak agreed to prepare an agenda

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

Saturday 17th November 10am-2pm, with the AGM to follow. Miles Boak said that Sam Hussey-Smith may coordinate the event. The following were listed as possible stalls/events:

- A petting zoo organised by The Village Vet
- SEE-Change activities – Tulitha King is contact person
- DCA stall for information & selling books
- 3 residents want to run stalls
- Stephen Sedgwick to approach tenants about participating, Bhutanese group already approached about running a food stall
- Robyn Rennie is contacting Downer Preschool about running sausage sizzle & cake stalls. Denys garden to organise barbecue. Dickson Men's shed is possible barbecue backup
- Possible coffee van to avoid queues in café. Iraj to be approached
- Amit Barkay is investigating some music. Il Bruto band was also mentioned
- Possible bicentennial display by Sue Dyer

It was agreed that there was a need for a meeting of all involved to plan the event.

DICKSON-DOWNER HERITAGE WALK

Jane Goffman has organised a walk on Sunday 28th October from 9.30-11.30 am. Committee members were asked to help provide some food and set up and serve morning tea at about 10.30. There was some discussion about display boards and whether we should purchase some for permanent DCA use. However, by the end of the meeting, it was realised that our existing tables can be converted into useable display boards by standing on end.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held after Party at the Shops – approx. 2.30 pm. The important items were reports from the Convenor and Treasurer, election of Auditor and election of the 2019 Committee. There was some discussion about whether the opportunity be taken to update the Constitution, due to changes in procedures.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 5th November at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Acting Secretary