

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, Monday August 1st, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Amit Barkay, (A/g convenor) Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie, Jacqui Pinkava, Fiona Dickson, Stephen Sedgwick

Jim Dehlsen (Maintenance Officer)

APOLOGIES

Miles Boak (Convenor), Brain Callahan, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

OTHER ATTENDEES

Kim Sinclair (CHC), Kieran Fordham (CHC Project Manager), Eddy Bourke (CHC), Anthony Stannard, Phil Andrews, Sue Dyer, Ahmed Munir, Aniko Carey, Richard Niven

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of July 4th, 2016 were accepted.

CENTRE CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the North Canberra Community Centre advising of their committee elections was noted.

The Bhutanese community group has returned to the centre.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Jim is getting close to finishing the courtyard clock. There is some uncertainty as to whether the clock previously used to be covered by a perspex face.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Invoices for centre use have been sent and are being paid. Otherwise, the accounts are as tabled. Of note are expenses and revenue associated with the election day (revenue from AEC and expense in the form of donations to the Pre-School to support the election day BBQ).

UPDATE ON CHC @ DOWNER SITE

- proposed DA is planned for September / October with March 2017 a likely start date for the townhouse development
- CHC has made changes to enable better pedestrian connectivity from Bradfield St to the shops and preserve the school courtyard
- there are questions about the impacts of traffic from the Melba St road on Swinden St
- Fiona Dickson mentioned the frogs present on the site and the need to remove these prior to beginning construction

DOMA-COLES DEVELOPMENT APPEAL - DCA AS APPELLANT

- The Secretary clarified whether the committee were satisfied with the out of session process used to approve DCA acting as an appellant for the DOMA-COLES development at Dickson. The DCA stated they were content with the process.
- The appeal is being jointly pursued with Charter Hall as the lead appellant
- Jane Goffman and other appellants will be looking for professional / expert witnesses as well as community members to read the extensive documentation associated with the development application
- The DCA may put a call out in the next DCA newsletter to find local expertise who may be willing to provide pro bono support - Amit will write some text with Jane Goffman

AUGUST 23rd - TOWARDS A FUTURE DOWNER

Preparations for August 23rd are proceeding well. However, the Downer Shops developers are proving difficult to contact. The plan is still for the following developers to present:

- Kamberra Winery site
- DOLES-COMA Dickson shops development site
- CHC at Downer Downer School Site
- Downer Shops
- Canberra Metro (Light Rail) (Scott Lisle)
- City and Gateway Urban Renewal

It is suggested that a flier be circulated notifying community of the event. Anthony Stannard to work on the notice. Notices should be placed at Watson Shop, at the pre-school, Daramarlan College, the Library and if possible an ad should be placed in the chronicle.

Patti suggests collection email addresses for the circulation list on the night.

FUTURE TRANSPORT IN CANBERRA

Sue Dyer has requested that a number of questions be put to Canberra Metro on the night, with particular regard to the proposed no. 8 bus route and loss of single transport option to Civic from Downer.

There was also discussion about the ancillary costs associated with development of light rail and potential rat runs through the suburb of Downer as a result.

Northbourne Avenue will be widened along the border of Downer. No upgrades are going to be made to the cycle paths along Northbourne Avenue. These will be status quo.

Another light rail stop has been added in Mitchell.