

**DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 1st May 2017**

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

**PRESENT**

Miles Boak (Chair), Amit Barkay, Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Simon Stratton, Jacqui Pinkava, Robyn Rennie. Visitors: Brian & Margo O'Malley, Robyn Miller, Jensen Sass, Julia Noble, Dominic Ransan-Cooper, Sam Hussey-Smith, Pam Harders.

**APOLOGIES**

Brian Callahan, Stephen Sedgwick, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd April 2017 were accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**In**

1. From Brian Lloyd, Standing Committee on Planning and Urban Renewal. Invitation to make submission to inquiry into Housing.
2. From Elizabeth Slapp, Canberra Town Planning. Re. proposed concept Masterplan for the Dickson on Northbourne site. Invitation to Community Information Session, Pavilion, 10 May, 5.30-8 pm.
3. From Brendan Walsh suggesting we list private schools on our website as well as Government schools.
4. From Jane Goffman, with final details of the Dickson-Downer Heritage Walks on 6-7 May.

**Out**

1. Submission to ACTPLA re. School Site Development Application.
2. A newsletter had been distributed to publicise the Dickson-Downer Heritage Walks on 6-7 May

**CENTRE COORDINATORS REPORT**

Amit Barkay reported that a request had been received from TAMS for details of our Public Liability insurance.

Jim Dehlsen reported that the East Hall security door had been fixed and gutters cleaned. A window had been broken and the kitchen door needs to be fixed.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

There was no report as the Treasurer was not present

**SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

Miles Boak reported that the exhibition period for the DA had closed and thanked the Committee for their input into the DCA submission. The planner reviewing the DA is Richard Davies, and apparently, the main issues raised by submissions were traffic and parking.

**DOWNER SQUARE UPDATE**

Miles Boak reported that members of the Committee had met with CHC and Ngeosh Popovic from the Downer Shops to discuss upgrading the square. Lindsay Hunter (CHC) agreed to prepare a brief of our requirements to go to Harris Hobbs Landscape Architects.

**DICKSON-DOWNER HERITAGE WALK**

It was noted that the walk would start at Dickson Library and take in the Baptist Church, Dickson Pool, heritage trees and the buildings at Downer Centre. It would be led by Jane Goffman, with Miles Boak talking about the heritage trees and Denys Garden about the CSIRO history and buildings. The West Hall had been booked for Saturday and the East Hall for Sunday. We would be serving afternoon tea at about 3.30 pm, and committee members were asked to help provide some food and set up and serve afternoon tea. Brian Callahan agreed to purchase cups/milk/tea/coffee and biscuits.

**ACTPLA STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Miles Boak reported that EDD had now been split into two - a section for Northbourne Avenue development and one for Suburban issues. Downer is to remain RZ1 and is not now in the Urban Gateway zone. Miles

suggested that now was a good time for DCA to identify infrastructure projects that would benefit Downer, as there is no doubt that development of areas of Downer will proceed after Northbourne Avenue is completed.

A number of suggestions were put forward at the meeting:

- Footpaths/Cyclepaths (wide ones for Swinden/Melba/Bradfield)
- Playgrounds
- Lighting
- Community Centre
- Public toilets
- Maintain Ovals & Open space
- Downer Square
- Replace Kangaroo
- Trees
- Areas for older people
- Ramps for Wheelchair/Pram access
- Ensure Stage 3 of the School site gets done
- Reduce car use
- Create more exit points from the suburb
- Improve laneways
- Replace Downer suburb signs

It was agreed that this list should be refined and added to

It was suggested that we should canvass Downer residents more widely with some sort of survey.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday 5th June at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Miles Boak  
Convenor

Denys Garden  
Secretary