

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, Monday May 2nd, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Boak (Convenor), Stephen Sedgwick, Denys Garden, Amit Barkay, Patti Kendall
Robyn Rennie, Fiona Dickson

Jim Dehlsen (Maintenance Officer)

APOLOGIES

Brain Callahan, Phillida Sturgiss-Hoy, Kim Sinclair (CHC), Jacqui Pinkava,

OTHER ATTENDEES

Fiona Evans, Mara Pagnallo (Centre Coordinator), Peter Carey, Richard Niven (Labor candidate for Kurrajong)

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2016 were accepted.

CENTRE CORRESPONDENCE

As noted. Correspondence regarding potentially advertising in Canberra Community Information / My Community directorates.

Action: Denys to follow up.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Mara Pagnallo was introduced to the group. Stephen Sedwick provided the Centre Coordinator's report.

Use of Centre for federal election polling booth

The Centre will be hired for two days - July 1st (preparation) and 2nd (election day). However, the centre will not be a pre-polling location, which requires a different set up. It may be possible to run a BBQ and other fundraising for the Pre-school for this time.

It may be good to sell copies of Downer at 50 on Election day.

Courtyard / Garden clean up

The issues with broken lattice, the clock tower need resolving. Previously the ACT Government committed to fixing the courtyard and re-landscaping.

Action: Miles to follow up with Andrew Barr who previously made a verbal commitment to the courtyard repair.

Room maintenance

Rooms are occasionally being left dirty and windows and doors are being left open.

Action: Stephen to purchase microfibre mop for cleaner. Notices to tenants on Centre use rules to be made.

First Aid Cabinet

A First-Aid Cabinet has been erected in the kitchen.

Dan McGinnity Mural

The mural has been repaired.

Air conditioning unit

The air conditioning unit in the committee meeting room has been replaced.

Gas heater

A gas heater is in need of repair.

Action: Jim Dehlsen to follow up.

Drain cleaning

Separation of responsibilities for drain cleaning (ACT Government) may be leading to issues with drain blockage as ACT Government not as responsive as is necessary. Jim is cleaning when appropriate.

Office key

Action: Stephen to get another key cut for the back of the office.

Storage space for machine knitters

This has been resolved. However, there is also a suggestion of installing extra shelving space for other users.

Action: Stephen to follow up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The DCA is solvent.

SHOPS

The shops are likely to be open by September. There is a suggestion of a joint spring fair / opening event.

REPORT ON CHC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOCUS GROUPS

Patti Kendall reported on the CHC Downer focus groups for aged care facilities run by IMG.

- Most participants enjoyed the process
- Most participants want the development to allow aging 'in place' - i.e. from 55 onwards being able to remain within the development under varying degrees of care

- There was some debate on whether or not pets should be allowed with some agreement that they may be allowed
- The development should pitch aged care facilities within the 'moderate range' - that is not with swimming pools and expensive to maintain amenities, but not at the lower end of range either
- Potential residents would like outdoor clothes-lines; light filled rooms; ground floor garden / courtyards; 2-bedrooms are preferable to three; guest suites; and community centre areas where residents can congregate
- The residents would like to see some form of convenience store at the shops

MR. FLUFFY HOUSE LAND AUCTION

Peter Carey reported on the proceedings of the auction. The block of land sold for \$592,000 for a 652 sq metre block.

Many of the larger blocks on the Southside of Canberra (which were zoned for subdivision) didn't sell well.

LOCAL RESPONSE TO LIGHT RAIL PROPOSAL

Richard Niven reported on his experience of door knocking Downer residents closest to Northbourne Avenue about the light rail. Most responses were favorable.

CITY AND GATEWAY URBAN RENEWAL STRATEGY

The ACT Gateway development proposal indicates intensive urban development anywhere within a 1km corridor either side of Northbourne Avenue. Dickson is being proposed as a priority to become a 'priority urban village' Under this plan, anywhere West of Melba Street is part of a 'walkable catchment' which means that it is likely to convert to much higher density housing over the next 20 to 30 years. The Dickson development will progress over the next five years.

Although the formal survey has closed it is still possible to make comments on the [discussion paper](#).

Miles Boak, Convener

Fiona Dickson, Secretary