

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 2nd June 2014

The meeting opened at 7.02 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Amit Barkay, Stephen Sedgwick Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Chris Paterson, Carolyn Le Couteur, Miles Boak. Observers: Patti Kendall, Peter Carey, John Fielding.

APOLOGIES

Brian Callahan, Jane Ahern

WELCOME TO PATTI KENDALL

Di Fielding welcomed Patti Kendall to the meeting. It was resolved (Di Fielding/Miles Boak) that Patti be co-opted onto the Committee.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 5th May 2014 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Document storage: Di Fielding reported on inspection with Denys Garden to determine the need for storage of documents and possible solutions. There is considerable material in the office, and the most logical place to store it was somewhere in the area behind the kitchen. This may require building cupboards against the wall of the East Room. Majura Women's Group presently has lockers there, so they would need to be given space to replace this. There was discussion of which groups had what storage.

Action: Amit Barkay/Stephen Sedgwick to check on storage by tenants.

It was decided that the cost of providing fireproof storage could not be justified. Miles Boak noted that Tim Brook had lodged a lot of older records with ACT Heritage.

Action: Miles Boak to scan submissions in his possession to pdf for storage. Copies of all submissions should go to Di Fielding.

The issue of a working bee to go through records was not resolved.

Email list: Amit Barkay handed over the email list to Philida Sturgiss-Hoy who will run it from now on.

School demolition: Amit Barkay has sent Alison our thoughts on what should happen to the courtyard. Denys Garden raised the lack of a fence around the courtyard to protect it during demolition, and the use by trucks of minor residential streets (e.g. Allport St).

Action: Miles Boak to follow-up on compliance issues.

The issue of dealing with asbestos on the site and concerns by tenants was raised. In discussion, Peter Carey said there were major concerns about asbestos in the residential market by property owners and real estate agents. Agents were meeting with Government to discuss this.

Di Fielding advised that the Territory Plan Variation for the site should occur in July. Also, Richard Bear (CHC) who was to be invited to the meeting is overseas.

Action: Di Fielding to follow-up and arrange a time for Richard to attend a meeting.

Lights in West Hall: It was noted that there is a supply of fluorescent tubes on top of the cupboard behind the kitchen. Amit Barkay suggested that these were old technology, and should be discarded and use of LED lights investigated.

Action: Amit Barkay to investigate replacement of lights by LEDs.

CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. Email from Capital Metro with Project Update (circulated to Committee)
2. Email from Jodie Pipkorn saying she had painted out the graffiti. Also that lock on door in women's toilet cubicle is broken.
3. Email from SEE-Change with a letter outlining proposal for sign(s).
4. Email exchange between Majura Womens Group & SEE-Change with comments about development on school site.
5. Email from Secretary, NCCC with Airport Aircraft Noise Report, Jan-Mar, 2014.
6. Email from Secretary, NCCC with submission on Draft Variation 309.
7. Email from Watson Preschool Fundraising Committee re. engraved pavers for fundraising.

CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Amit Barkay reported on the following:

- Sticking doors have been fixed
- We still have problems with heaters. There was some discussion of who is responsible for replacing heaters.

Action: Amit Barkay to contact Government re. this matter.

- Energy audit has not happened.
- There are issues re. the oval (irrigation, burnt shipping container, damage to playground). These have been reported to the Government.
- Downer Preschool. Amit has met with Daniel (Majura School). Numbers at Downer Preschool are very low, due to a misunderstanding of where students will go on to. Many parents from Downer are opting to send their children to Watson Preschool rather than Downer. It was agreed that there needed to be publicity to ensure parents understood that children from Downer Preschool can choose to go to Majura, North Ainslie or Lyneham schools.

Action: Information about this situation should be put in the next Newsletter. Also, the name and number of the Majura Principal (if agreeable) should go into the Newsletter as a point of contact. Di Fielding to talk to a contact in the Education Department.

Amit Barkay indicated he wanted to be relieved of duties as Centre Liaison Officer because of work and family commitments. There were no volunteers from other Committee members for the position. Miles Boak suggested approaching Jim Dehlsen about doing small maintenance work at the Centre (**Miles to contact him**). There was some discussion of the role of the Centre Coordinator.

A vote of thanks for Amit's work as Centre Liaison Officer was unanimously supported.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was \$6800 in the bank. Income for May was \$6500 and expenditure \$1400. The good position is a reflection of the ease of invoicing using the new accounting system, and good follow-up.

OTHER BUSINESS

Planning and development (project facilitation) amendment bill

Di Fielding reported that this had gone back to the drawing board, but might never surface again.

Downer Shops

Di Fielding reported that she had spoken to Theo Poulos, who is still optimistic about proceeding. He now has enough tenants, but is waiting on a bank valuation for finance. Miles Boak noted that there was to be another round of funding for Local Centres Grants.

Action: Miles Boak to follow-up on this.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th July at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary