

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 2 September 2014

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Jane Ahern, Chris Paterson, Patti Kendall, Miles Boak, Brian Callahan, Caroline Le Couteur. Observers: John Fielding, Cecilia Skene, Linda Slosu.

APOLOGIES

Stephen Sedgwick, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Amit Barkay (leave of absence)

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 4th August 2014 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

School site. Di Fielding advised that Richard Bear (CHC) will be attending the next meeting.

Replacement of lights by LEDs. We have been notified that lights will be replaced by LEDs under the joint ACT Government and Commonwealth Government Community Energy Efficiency Program..

Downer Preschool. Di Fielding reported that numbers at Downer Preschool are down to 10. One of the issues affecting this is the presence of a sign outside the Preschool suggesting that it feeds to Lyneham Primary only. This needs to be changed.

Development issies. Di Fielding reported that Alison Abernethy had left EDD and our new contacts were Kylie Forrest and Peter Johns.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from EDD with letter about Territory Plan Variation for Sect 72 Dickson and Sects 74 & 76 Watson.
2. Email from Shane Rattenbury's office re. Omnibus draft Territory Plan Variation.
3. Email from Carleton Christensen re. potential contribution to Canberra Festival of Community Action against Climate Change.

Action: Details to be forwarded to our email group.

4. Email from Downer resident Linda Slosu in response to group email of 31st August. There was discussion about Linda's concerns over development on the school site, many of which are shared by the Committee. Our original concerns about traffic, affordable housing, opportunities for aging in place and housing for women should not be lost. It was suggested that we should see if there were any traffic engineers living locally.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Jingwen Wang had reported that 2 heaters in the SEE-Change office were now causing problems (not replaced in recent program).

Action: Di Fileding to follow up with Diana Crosbie.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer was not present, but had previously submitted a report by email. This showed that at the end of August, there was \$5,617.29 in our working account and

\$6,246.15 in a term deposit. Main expenses for August were wages (\$2,356), general bills (\$921.23) and Insurance (\$557.70). Income from room hire was \$2,190).

OMNIBUS TERRITORY PLAN VARIATION

There had been a meeting held by NCCC to discuss this issue. Di Fielding, Caroline Le Couteur and Chris Paterson attended from DCA, and Jane Goffman from Dickson was also present. A small subcommittee was formed at the meeting to liaise with the Government on this issue.

It appears the Dickson Tradies Club may have done a land swap of the CFMEU site and other land in Section 72 Dickson for the carpark next to its club in Dickson.

The Government is negotiating with the lessee of the old ACTTAB site, which suggests the proposed carpark on the corner of Antill and Cowper Sts may not go ahead.

There was some discussion of the proposal to rezone Section 72 Dickson to allow some residential development. Chris Paterson pointed out that this is the only site left in North Canberra dedicated to community facilities. If this area is eroded, there will be no opportunity in the future for new community facilities such as schools, churches, playing fields, etc. It was also pointed out that there was no consideration of increased traffic in an already congested area, or how changes would integrate with the proposed developments at Dickson.

SPRING FAIR

Posters: Peter and Aniko Carey will organise posters, but need artwork for them.

Barbecue: Watson Preschool. Theo supplying buns.

Coffee: Amit organising this.

Biscuits & brownies: Girl Guides.

Musicians: Il Bruto available, and Amit seeking other musicians.

EDD stall: Caroline Le Couteur suggested inviting EDD to have a stall at the Fair.

Kids craft. Caroline Le Couteur suggested inviting Anne Clarke to run this.

Heartmoves: They would run a stall from 10-12 selling baked goods to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

30th ANNIVERSARY OF DCA

Miles Boak reported that David Dall will return a number of documents from his time as Convenor to DCA. There was some discussion about a dinner in October 2015.

Peter Carey suggested having it at the Centre, with catering by something like mobile roast or mobile pizza. It was suggested that we should begin talking about arrangements by March 2015 and book caterers early to avoid missing out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter. Denys Garden had emailed a draft copy of the Newsletter and suggested it needed to be printed and distributed in the following week to give advance notice of the Spring Fair. Jane Ahern confirmed that Rutherford Johnston Properties had agreed to print 1600 copies of the Newsletter for us in B&W. It was suggested that we should include an acknowledgment in the Newsletter.

Secretary. Denys Garden had indicated he would step down from this position after the AGM. This raised the need to seek someone on or outside the Committee to take on this position from 2015.

Temporary carpark. Miles Boak raised the issue of what should be done if this goes ahead. Should we take it to the Administrative Tribunal? Caroline Le Couteur suggested this was a more appropriate role for NCCC.

Capital Metro. Patti Kendall noted that we should keep this on our agenda. For example, there was no Downer stop on some Metro maps.

School site rezoning. It appears that the Government is pushing to go further than we had originally agreed on building height. Miles Boak undertook to put his notes on the meeting with EDD into a letter expressing our concerns to EDD.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 6th October at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary