

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd July 2017

The meeting opened at 7.03 pm.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Jacqui Pinkava, Brian Callahan.

Visitors: Peter Carey, Sam Hussey-Smith, Jerry Lee, Philippe McCracken, Richard Niven.

APOLOGIES

Robyn Rennie, Amit Barkay, Stephen Sedgwick

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 5th June 2017 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Downer Square. Miles Boak had conveyed our decision to CHC to accept the quote from Harris Hobbs to design the works.
2. Planning & Development Amendment Bill. No action taken.
3. Machine Knitters Storage. Amit Barkay absent and not able to report.
4. Video Survey of Residents. Sam Hussey-Smith reported that there had been a good roll-up at the playground and that the video was presently being edited. It was suggested that there might be a public viewing at some time. A Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/downercommunitycbr/>) had been set up for DCA by Sam.
5. NCCC and Video Projector. Miles Boak reported that there had been 70 people at the NCCC meeting. They brought their own projector and projection onto the wall was satisfactory. Amit Barkay had met with an electrician, but there was a problem of asbestos in the ceiling. He is waiting on options from ACT Government.

CORRESPONDENCE

In

1. From Lindsay Hunter, CHC. (a) School Site. The land was settled as planned on 30th June. CHC had submitted further information to EPSDD as requested. (b) Downer Square. CHC had advised Harris Hobbs they were the preferred consultant and will schedule a meeting with them. The aim is to prepare a landscape concept plan and cost estimates for works to submit to TCCS to secure funding as promised. There was some discussion about whether we should take the risk of waiting for full details before approaching ACT Government

Action: That we email the Chief Minister's office to alert the Government that we will put in a claim for the money (\$500,000) previously promised by David Dawes.

2. From Sam Hussey-Smith re. Enquiry into billboards in the ACT.
3. From Aniko Carey re. issues needing attention in Downer.
4. From Jane Goffman advising that NCCC meetings would be held at Downer Centre from now on, with the first on 21st June.

CENTRE COORDINATORS REPORT

Held over due to absence of Centre Liaison Officer.

TREASURERS REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick was absent but had previously emailed a report. In June income was \$3365 from room hire, and expenses were \$1052 for wages and \$418 for other bills. Balance in the main account at the end of June was \$4130.13, with \$6648.31 in our term deposit. Denys Garden reported that the Treasurer and he intended to update the review of DCA accounts carried out in 2014/2015.

CENSUS DATA

Miles Boak had a copy of the data from the latest census for the suburb. The following were noted:

- Downer had grown by 2.9% since the last census. The suburb is getting younger, with 20-40yo being the biggest group
- 34% are attending schools/universities (ACT av 26%)
- 34% are renting (ACT av 22%)

- 75% of residents are in separate houses (ACT av 67%)
- 50% of residents drive to work (ACT av 69%)
- 10% of residents ride a bike (ACT av 2.4%)

PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT 81-85 ANTILL ST

This is a proposal to demolish 2 duplex buildings, amalgamate 2 blocks and construct 8 apartments. Miles Boak had previously circulated details of this and noted that 91% of the feedback from residents so far had been negative. As the development met all the planning conditions, it was decided that the DCA would not make a submission.

DOWNER SHOPS

The café is operating successfully, and a liquor licence had been applied for. The owner, Iraj Taghizadeh, was keen to keep in contact with DCA and had asked to have the café email (ganggangcafe@gmail.com) added to our list. The Village Vet has commenced fitting out.

There was discussion about having an 'opening' party for the shops. Saturday 14th October was suggested, but it was noted that we needed to avoid clashing with other fairs. This would be a good fundraising opportunity for the Preschool. The need for a Newsletter was noted.

DOWNER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Miles Boak advised that the Act Government was planning to dispose of Neighbourhood Plans, and that the information in these should be in the Territory Plan.

Action. *That DCA put in a submission saying we do not want to lose the detail in the Downer Neighbourhood Plan.*

OTHER BUSINESS

Richard Niven raised 2 issues.

1. Progress with the Dickson Shops. There has been no decision yet and there is some concern with the delay.
2. Light Rail (clearing of trees on the Federal Highway adjacent to Downer). Miles Boak advised that there had been a need to relocate the gas main from the centre of the road to either the northern or southern side, and the southern side had been chosen. However, this was not in the original DA, and there was no evidence of public consultation on this.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 7th August at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary