

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 4th March 2013

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Patti Kendall, Denys Garden, Caroline Le Couteur, Brian Callahan, Jane Ahern, Robyn Unger, Observers: John Fielding, Tim Blair.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 4th February 2013 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Zaheer's absence. All clients contacted about arrangements.

Repairs. Amit Barkay has fixed toilet door and air conditioner in East Room.

Assets. Amit Barkay reported that there were not enough assets to justify insurance.

Key audit. We cannot get new keys cut until we provide key numbers.

Action: Amit Barkay to email clients re. details of keys held.

Google Calendar. Amit Barkay has checked this but is needing more information. Carolyn Le Couteur suggested Freecamp (free version of Basecamp).

CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. Email from Linda Slosu, pointing out the beauty of trees in Downer and suggesting DCA take a role in encouraging the Government to maintain and replace trees within the suburb.

Action: Miles Boak to talk to Linda and report back.

2. Email from Helen Athanasiadis re. problems of communication with Zaheer to hire a room on Sundays for Reiki classes. It was suggested that cleaning on Sundays should not take all day and it should be possible to hire at some time.

Action: Denys Garden to follow up with Helen.

3. Email from Tom Duncan, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly re. 2nd issue of 'Matters of public importance – your Assembly @work'.
4. Email from Daniel Sheedy (10 Bonython St) re. issues with lights, parking and litter on Downer oval, with copies of exchanges with Brian Ashcroft, Manager, Sportsground Maintenance & Improvement.

Resolved that we would support Daniel re. parking issues.

5. Email from Jodie Pipkorn with information sheet about Community Farm proposal for Downer Centre.

Out.

1. To a Mr Chen re. reference in real estate newsletter to an event being put on by SeeChange which credited the Association as major sponsor, advising him that in future he should check with us before going into print.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Amit Barkay reported that the leak from the air conditioner in the East Room had caused mould on the carpet. Suggested the patch could be replaced with matching carpet tiles. Also that there was a broken irrigation pipe behind the Centre which needs to be fixed.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Amit for the work he had done at the Centre.

Di Fielding reported that Zaheer had extended his stay overseas by several weeks without consulting the Committee. There was discussion about possible termination of his employment.

Action. Payments to Zaheer would cease from 9th March, and we would employ someone else on a temporary basis. If/when Zaheer returns we should have a signed contract for future work. Di Fielding undertook to talk to workplace authorities about issues of employment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

As outlined in emails between Amit Barkay and Alison Abernathy the timeline for development of the old school site is:

December 2013

- Territory Plan variation completed
- Tenants relocated
- Direct sale finalised

February/March 2014

- Buildings demolished
- Other on site works commence
- DA process (including consultation) begins

July 2015

- Construction commences

Matters related to Business Park Tenants are:

- ACT Property Group (ACTPG) is in the process of holding one-on-one meetings with all tenants to establish their needs.
- ACTPG is working with CSD to find all 11 Community Group tenants suitable alternate accommodation in other community facilities. As space becomes available these groups will be moved out, with relocation costs covered by the Government. This process will be completed by December 2013.
- Although tenancy agreements all have a sunset clause, tenants will be offered month by month agreements until the end of the year.
- ACTPG will also assist businesses, who indicated they would like to take up a commercial leasing opportunity in the new development, to find temporary accommodation.

Action. Amit Barkay to follow up with Alison on stage reached with tenants.

Downer shops

Action. Miles Boak to contact ACTPLA re. a copy of the Government's submission on the DA for redevelopment of the shops.

CANBERRA CITY FARM

Some concern was expressed over the scale of the CCF committee proposal for Downer Square. It was agreed that it should be restricted to the present vegetated areas and the central raised area. It was suggested that they might consider using the area to the NW of the Community Centre.

Action. That someone attend a workshop to obtain more information. That CCF should then come back to us with more detailed plans.

CANBERRA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Some clients have agreed to be involved. DCA will have a stall at the Party 5-8pm 12th March. Di & John Fielding, Patti Kendall and Carolyn Le Couteur agreed to be present. It was suggested that plans for the shops could be displayed and books & CDs sold.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

NEXT MEETING

Monday April 8th at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary