

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 4th Sept 2017

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Jacqui Pinkava, Robyn Rennie, Simon Stratton, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Amit Barkay.

Visitors: Peter Carey, Brian & Margo O'Malley, Julia Noble.

APOLOGIES Brian Callahan, Stephen Sedgwick

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of 7th August 2017 were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

In

1. From Elizabeth Lee, Member for Kurrajong re. recommendations adopted by an Estimates Select Committee about Development Applications.
2. From Register.com re details of our Domain Name.
3. Four emails from Downer residents re. Downer Square redevelopment.
4. From Caroline Le Couteur re. answer to Question on Notice in Assembly about upgrading Downer Local Centre.
5. From Kamberra on Federal re. information evening on 14th September.

CENTRE COORDINATORS REPORT

Miles Boak reported that the issue of Mara Pangallo remaining as Centre Coordinator had been resolved. He noted that we should update the list of duties of Committee members.

Amit Barkay has been liaising with the Machine Knitters Group re. storage. He has discussed the issue with the Government and will prepare a design. The issue of the Womens Group storing materials in the Cleaner's room needs to be resolved. The urn has been repaired.

The security of the NCCC projector on-site was raised and there was some discussion about whether we needed to have some contents insurance. As the projector belongs to NCCC it is technically their responsibility, but the general issue of whether DCA needs contents insurance for our property (tables, chairs, etc) remains.

Action. The need for contents insurance should be discussed with the Treasurer.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer was absent, but had previously emailed a report. In August income was \$3200 (room hire, key deposit, book sales) and expenses \$3573 (bills, insurance, wages costs). The balance in the main account at the end of July was \$2992.29. The decline in the bank balance over the last year was discussed, and the possibility of increasing room rates was raised. Denys Garden reminded the Committee that he and the Treasurer were planning to update the review of finances produced in 2015, which may indicate whether an increase was required.

Miles Boak noted that the ACT Government pays NCCC's public liability insurance, and maybe we could have the same privilege. He also reminded the Committee that the lease for the Downer Centre was due in January, and we need to understand that the Government could increase our rent if they chose.

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

Mara has notified Centre users and invited them to be involved. SEE-Change has indicated that they will be involved. The Downer Shops people will take part – the owner of Gang Gang Café has offered to arrange music for the day. Robyn Rennie advised that she had contacted the Preschool and they would like to run a sausage sizzle and a cake stall. It was agreed that DCA would make a donation of \$200 to the Preschool to cover costs. The possibility of getting sausages donated was discussed. Bakers Delight may be prepared to donate bread/buns.

The need for a Newsletter in early October to promote the Party at the Shops was discussed.

DOWNER SQUARE

Caroline Le Couteur had asked a question in the Assembly and had received a reply that no work was planned on Downer Square. Miles Boak said he was still confident that work would occur. It was suggested that we should meet with Megan Fitzharris (1st priority) or write a letter to the Canberra Times. Caroline Le Couteur had offered to ask further questions in the Assembly. Apparently Elizabeth Lee is going to ask questions as well.

Julia Noble asked if we have a chronology of events. It was agreed that this information should be collected together.

REPRINTING OF DOWNER@50

Miles Boak had obtained quotes for reprinting the book. It was agreed that we should get 500 copies printed at a cost of about \$2500.

PLANNING

Miles Boak advised that Watson Community Association was organising a suburb planning workshop for Watson/Downer/Hackett.

TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Barbara Burns, Simon Stratton and Miles Boak had met and discussed a pedestrian/cycling plan for Downer. Items considered were:

- How do Downer residents get to tram stops?
- How do Downer residents get to Dickson?
- Need for a better bike path along Swinden St
- There is no provision for bike storage or 'kiss and ride' at tram stops
- Safety issues for children crossing to Lyneham through the tram stop on Swinden St

These items will be discussed with Minister Gentleman on 26th September.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was set for Monday 27th November

OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that we provide details of Centre User Groups on our website.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 2nd October at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary