

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Monday 6th January 2014

The meeting opened at 7.04 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Brain Callahan, Chris Paterson, Amit Barkay, Caroline Le Couteur, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Stephen Sedgwick. Observers: Paul Wilkinson, John Fielding.

APOLOGIES

Jane Ahern

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2013 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cheque payments. Di Fielding reported that the Cleaner was now willing to have payments made directly to her account.

Blacket St DA. Not supported by ACTPLA. Christian Helmsley (ACTPLA) will contact us if the applicant re-submits.

Mop & bucket stolen. Replaced.

Submission re. Downer School demolition. Prepared by Di Fielding and submitted.

Meeting with ACT Government re. Downer development. Di Fielding has arranged a meeting with staff from the Chief Minister's office at 11 am on Wed 8th Jan.

Downer Shops. Lonsdale Roasters is no longer planning to be a tenant at the shops, but a replacement is being arranged. There was some discussion about means of having the Bicentennial Square upgraded.

CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. Letter from David Dawes (EDD) re. status of Community Centre. There are no plans to redevelop Centre, but land on which it sits could potentially be rezoned from commercial to community facility.
2. Email from Miles Boak re. upgrade of Bicentennial Square, possibly under ACT Government Local Shopping Centre Upgrades grant (see www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/public_areas/shopping_centres).
3. Copy of Theo Poulos' submission on Downer School demolition.
4. Incorporated Association Extract for 2014 from Registrar General, ACT Justice and Community Safety
5. Amy Moon re. Parties at the Shops
6. Sharon Packenas. Request for 2 copies of Downer book and CD
7. Leon Arundell re. approval for development in Watson behind Prime TV, and its potential effects on Justice Robert Hope Park.
8. A further 5 email responses on school site development as a result of the email reminder sent out in December

Out.

1. Acknowledgments to those who had made submissions on the school site.
2. Submission on demolition of Downer School buildings.

CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Amit Barkay (Centre Liaison Officer) reported that the kangaroo statue was missing from the school courtyard. The gate was forced, suggesting it may have been stolen.

Action: Miles Boak to follow up and provide some publicity to encourage the return of the statue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that following a series of positive months since August 2013, the accounts were in good shape, with \$10,270.49 in the working account at the end of December.

The Committee endorsed the expenditure on a new vacuum cleaner previously agreed by email exchange.

DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Meeting with Chief Minister's staff. There was some discussion on the approach to be taken at the meeting on Wednesday 8th Jan. It was agreed that the following points should be emphasised:

- Planning should be holistic, and for the whole suburb
- Public transport and other infrastructure should be considered in conjunction with construction planning
- There has been insufficient consultation over redevelopment of the School site
- Physical progress appears to be occurring before the Territory Plan Variation has been done
- Traffic is an issue in Melba St, regardless of the findings of the Traffic Study.

PARTIES AT THE SHOPS

It was agreed that we would be involved with this activity.

Action: Amit Barkay to contact Amy Moon to find out what is involved. DCC tenants to be contacted to see who wishes to be involved.

There was some discussion of how running the Parties at the Shops might impact on the Spring Fair. It was suggested that given the work schedule on upgrading the shops, the opening of the shops could be later than the middle of the year, providing an opportunity for a 'Fair' to coincide with the opening.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 3rd February at 7 pm. It was decided to organise food and drink at this meeting in lieu of a restaurant dinner for Committee members. Gather at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary