

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 6th March 2017

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Denys Garden, Stephen Sedgwick, Brian Callahan, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie, Simon Stratton. Observers: Philippe McCracken, Marg Maughan, Jerry Lee, Fiona Evans, Margo O'Malley, Brian O'Malley, Aniko Carey, Peter Carey. Invitees: Kim Sinclair & Rhiannon McClelland (CHC Australia)

APOLOGIES

Amit Barkay, Jacqui Pinkava, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2017 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. The inadequacy of the shading on the playground near the scout hall had been reported to TAMS.
2. Miles Boak attended the NCCC meeting and thanked them for the grant for the new DCA sign.
3. Peter & Aniko Carey and Philida Sturgiss-Hoy were thanked for printing and organising distribution of the Newsletter. Patti Kendall reported that there had been favourable comments about the Newsletter.
4. AAT hearings on the Dickson Shops development recommenced on 6th March. Miles Boak said he had attended and was required to be present on 7th March as an expert planning witness. He said his feeling was that the development would proceed, but that 200 (minor) improvements had been made already. There will be more hearings at the end of April.
5. Robyn Rennie reported that she had contacted Kate O'Sullivan, President of the Preschool Committee and advised them we would be offering them opportunities to raise money at DCA functions like an opening party for the shops.
6. Miles Boak reported that there had been a very successful Community Cleanup Day, with 30 people registered and 20 bags of rubbish collected. Thanks should go to Barbara Burns, Jacqui Pinkava and Jim Dehlsen.

CORRESPONDENCE

In

1. From a Downer resident querying why the DCA was involved in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal case re. the Coles/DOMA group.

Action: Denys Garden to reply, pointing out that the aim of the DCA is to get the best outcome for residents.

2. From Jacob Ingram, Adviser in the Office of the Chief Minister describing his role and requesting contact details and our priorities as an organisation.
3. From Volunteering ACT advising of their Specialist Knowledge Series workshops (1st on Cyber Security and Confidentiality on 23rd Feb)
4. From a Downer resident suggesting that the round raised structure in the centre of the square should be removed in any upgrading.
5. From Peter Malone, Anglicare Chaplain asking if a representative from DCA could address residents in Brindabella Court about planned development on the School Site.

Action: That we agree to this, maybe involving CHC as well.

6. From a Downer resident interested in being involved with the Transport Working Group (forwarded on the Barbara Burns).
7. From Tony Carmichael, Executive Director, Strategic Planning re. City & Gateway Urban Renewal Strategy. A draft Strategy is in preparation for consideration by the Government in June 2017, and will be released for community engagement for at least 6 weeks after that.
8. From Municipal Services Team advising that a work order had been raised for investigation of the state of Downer Square.

Out

1. Miles Boak replied to Jacob Ingram outlining the issue of rejuvenation of Downer Square, and suggesting a meeting with the Chief Minister.
2. Miles Boak to Fix My Street re. state of Downer Square
3. Denys Garden replied to the resident asking about issues with upgrading Downer Square.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick reported that the Machine Knitters had advised that someone had stored material in the room allocated to them and this needed to be investigated. Jim Dehlsen said that he was presently dealing with wasp nests at the Centre.

TREASURERS REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick said that there were no extraordinary issues with the accounts. Bills in February had been \$581.45 and income a low amount of \$140. However, invoices were about to be sent out for the next period. There was \$7322.98 in the working account at the end of February.

SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT

Kim Sinclair and Rhiannon McClelland from CHC Australia gave the following information:

- A development Application for Stages 1 & 2 (townhouses & apartments) has been submitted, but is not yet available for public comment. CHC is waiting for notification of the fees required.
- The heritage pine trees around the site will be replanted and then handed back to the ACT Government for long-term management, ensuring this area will remain as public land.

In response to previously submitted questions, the following was supplied:

- Rental rates in CHC properties are between public and private rates. Market rent is determined from annual valuations and a rate of 74.9% of this charged to tenants.
- There had been limited attendance at meetings held to discuss community gardens, so these have not been given high priority.
- The staging of heritage pine tree replacement will be tied to stages of development on the site, i.e. commencing in the NE corner and moving west from there.

TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Miles Boak reported that Barbara Burns and other members of the TWG were at that time meeting with the heads of Action buses and Light Rail. A report of this meeting will be forthcoming.

DOWNER SHOPS

Miles Boak reported that prospective tenants did not have leases yet. Car park spaces had been marked out and the start of the road extension indicated. Kim Sinclair suggested that given this, it may be time to raise the design of the road with ACTPLA again.

Miles Boak reported that he had been advised by EDD that there was no money in the budget for refurbishment of the square this financial year, and it would only happen when the money for the School Site was paid in June. Kim Sinclair suggested that collaboration over the upgrading of Downer Square could be possible, as this was an advantage to CHC. Miles Boak had contacted TAMS regarding OH&S issues due to deterioration of the Square structure and had been advised that it would be looked at.

It was decided that there was no point in organising a function for the opening of the shops until it was clear what was happening. Since we cannot run a function to assist Amit Barkay's money raising plans for the World's Greatest Shave, it was agreed that DCA would donate \$50 towards his efforts elsewhere. Patti Kendall said that there was presently a lot of interest in Downer and in the progress of the shops.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jerry Lee reported that on 17th February there had been excessive noise from a function at the Kamberra Function Centre which extended until at least 3 am.

Action. That we write to Kamberra reminding them of the Noise Pollution Legislation and suggesting they advise users of this when booking functions. Jerry Lee agreed to draft a letter.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 3rd April at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary