

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, 7pm, Monday 7 November 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Boak (Convenor), Brian Callahan, Amit Barkay, Patti Kendall, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Robyn Rennie, Denys Garden, Jim Dehlsen (Maintenance Officer) Jacqui Pinkava

APOLOGIES

Stephen Sedgwick, Fiona Dickson, Margaret Maughan

OTHER ATTENDEES

Aniko Carey, Robin Miller, Jerry Lee, John Fielding, Anthony Stannard

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 2016 meeting were accepted.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

- Review of DCA Constitution – agreed that article 51 needs re-wording and **can be changed at the AGM per article 38.**
- Toward a future Downer – Patti has finalised the report, circulated by email today and copies circulated at the meeting. **Anthony proposed a general letter back to the presenters from the night, thanking them and informing them of DCA plans for another community forum with the focus on transport and possible establishment of a Downer Transport Group.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from North Canberra Community Council offering funding up to \$900 for community projects, **submissions to be received by 15/11/16.**
- Pamphlet from Transport Canberra providing an update on light rail construction works.

4. CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Amit gave up date, no issues to report; new centre co-ordinator is very efficient, doing a great job.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick was an apology; his report was circulated by email prior to the meeting and copies circulated at the meeting.

6. UPDATE WITH CHC REPS ON DOWNER PROJECT

- Representatives from CHC – Kim Sinclair [general manager], Rhiannon McClelland [public relations officer replacing Eddy] and Lindsay Hunter [new project manager] provided an update on the school site project. Noted that Lindsay was the project manager for City Edge in O'Connor. Kieran Fordham still on board, he now reports to Lindsay.
- CHC have removed "affordable" from their name, now just CHC Ltd.
- The whole site will be named "The Bradfield"; possibly with different names for each sub-section.
- DA is in final stages, expecting to submit to TAMS prior to 28/11/16; 3 week consultation period starts once TAMS have accepted the submission and fees have been paid. Hopefully should avoid Xmas/ New Year break.

- DA is substantially the same as that presented to DCA last September with amendments to reduce overshadowing of the community Centre. CHC planning to release details to Downer residents prior to general public. Townhouse section will be sorted out first, then Independent Living Units; still working on design of the road.
- Issue re management of trees still under discussion between Heritage, TAMS and CHC. CHC will comply with direction from government when finalised. Noted that this species of tree is listed as a noxious weed in the ACT.
- CHC will present an update on the development at the AGM, **agreed that they will be listed first on the agenda.** Jim suggested that CHC also have a static display with plans, drawings etc.
- There has been a lot of sales interest from the public already; an enquiry form will be made available at the AGM.

7. LIGHT RAIL GATEWAY STUDY

No recent meetings but raised as going to be a big project for 2017. Patti and Miles currently reps.

8. AGM DATE/ORGANISATION

- To be held @ 7pm, Monday 28/11/16.
- Advertised in today's Canberra Times, on Gumtree, by email list and on DCA website. **Philida will organise printing and distribution of flyers for letterboxes.**
- **John fielding volunteered to act as returning officer.**
- **Brian will organise catering.**
- **Volunteers needed to help set up hall, please arrive around 6.40 pm**

8. COLES/DOMA DICKSON SHOPS APPEAL UPDATE

- Jane Goffman gave an update on the ACAT appeal. Used scale models to demonstrate the enormous and negative impact of current proposal on surrounding areas, particularly the library, if it goes ahead.
- Huge workload for Jane, pressure intensifying. Demands of Amit's job mean that his availability to assist has become limited, Jane seeking assistance from anyone available over the next 3 weeks. **Miles volunteered to review traffic documents, Jane will review planning docs.** Jane believes that there are many issues affecting pedestrian and other traffic, safety, access, amenity of Dickson Centre etc – up to 76 potential code breaches.
- ACAT will do a site visit on 28/11/16 [day of our AGM] and the case will be heard over the following 2 weeks 0930 – 1630 hrs at the ACT Magistrates Court. **Jane requested that as many people as possible [meeting members, family, friends, neighbours etc.] attend public galleries to demonstrate support for the appeal; no one will be asked to speak so in-depth knowledge not required, just be there to support.**
- Appeal will be publicised at our AGM and **Philida will include information on AGM advertising pamphlets.**

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Patti reported that she has received a pamphlet advertising community consultation for Kamberra development.

Next meeting is the AGM Monday 28/11/16 at 7pm and then Monday 05/12/16.