

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Monday 7th April 2014

The meeting opened at 7.07 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Denys Garden, Brain Callahan, Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Caroline Le Couteur, Jane Ahern. Observers: Patti Kendall, Peter & Aniko Carey.

APOLOGIES

Stephen Sedgwick Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Chris Paterson

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd March 2014 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Energy-saving measures: Di Fielding has contacted Diana Crombie who advised that the review is still continuing.

Action: Amit Barkay to follow up.

Dickson Experiment Farm plough: Denys Garden has contacted George Main, ANM, who is going to interview previous CSIRO employees.

Use of photos at CMAG: Denys Garden reported that all the approvals required have been obtained.

Problems with tenant Wednesday morning: Despite enquiries, this has not been resolved, and there was discussion re. replacing all keys. It was suggested that we should reduce the number of key combinations to simplify our system, and that the use of codes rather than keys should be investigated.

Action: Amit Barkay to contact Government about possible replacement of keys.

Downer Planning: (1) Di Fielding and Carolyn Le Couteur reported on a meeting with Simon Corbell's Chief of Staff. We received a good hearing, but this may not affect outcomes re. the school site. Further progress is waiting on changes to the Territory Plan. The school site is likely to be R4. Precinct codes may be important in the future. Carolyn reported that she had forwarded a copy of the DCA submission on light rail to members of Capital Metro. (2) Planning and Development (Project Facilitation) Amendment Bill. This was seen as a way of getting around the need to use 'Call-in Powers'. It will include variations to the Territory Plan, and will probably go to Committee for about 1 month. (3) Airport Masterplan. It was decided to leave this to NCCC. (4) It was noted that there was a meeting of NCCC on Wed 16th April at 7.30 pm at which planning matters and light rail will be discussed.

Clean Up Australia Day: Denys Garden to finalise letters. The issue of reimbursement of Jim Dehlsen for disposal of rubbish was raised, and will be included in letter.

Review of Newsletter distribution: Miles Boak had originally raised some options by email. It was decided not to go down the path of commercial letterbox distribution. However, there may be some need to review the layout and printing arrangements and ensure there was adequate support for distribution. Jane Ahern offered to calculate the numbers required, and take over from Miles the allocation and distribution of the newsletter to deliverers. She also offered to sponsor the printing of the Newsletter through her work. Peter and Aniko Carey also offered to assist through their work.

It was suggested that the Newsletter be printed on green paper as in the past, and that the DCA logo be used. Distribution by email was discussed, but many problems remain with this, not least the problem of keeping our email list up to date.

Action: A message to remind people to advise us of changed email addresses should be sent out from time to time.

Possible changes to Constitution: Di Fielding had checked the requirements of the Office of Regulatory Services, and our Constitution mostly complies, with only a couple of items needing attention. (1) The Common Seal. We have this in the office, but apparently it is no longer required.

(2) Custody of books. It was noted that we maintain a copy of our list of members in the office. Audited financial reports are presented at the AGM and copies retained by the Treasurer. (3) Reference to the Jump Track needs to be removed.

There was some discussion about preservation of DCA records. It was noted that Bob Phillips had reviewed and re-filed all records for the DCA in preparation for the 50th Anniversary in 2010. Also Chapter 6 in 'Downer@50' provides a summary of DCA activities up to 2010.

Action: Di Fielding to check with the Government Archives re. storage of records.

Solar panels on Centre roof: No action

CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. ***Email from Jodie Pipkorn re. graffiti at Centre and request for permission for sign.***
The Committee felt we should ask the Government to deal with graffiti, as it is their building. We should also ask the Government about signs on the building.

Action: Amit Barkay to check with Government.

2. Email from Ian Fulton re. problems of doors sticking
3. Email from Leon Arundell with comments about Planning and Development Bill 2014.

Action: Denys Garden to forward to Committee members.

CENTRE COORDINATOR/LIAISON OFFICER REPORT

Fire at Centre: Amit Barkay reported on the fire in the room where the Machine Knitters store their equipment. There was loss of records and minor damage to equipment. No damage to building. Fire authorities and Police say it is not possible to do any forensics, and there is no indication of how the room was entered. There was a discussion of whether our insurance would cover tenants materials. Our policies only cover public liability, so tenants need to arrange their own insurance to cover their own negligence, and to cover their materials stored at the Centre.

Action: Di Fielding to provide Jingwen with information to supply to tenants so they understand this situation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report. There was some concern about the number of times this had happened recently, and the buildup of unpaid bills in the office.

Action: Di Fielding to contact the Treasurer about this and ask for a report as soon as possible.

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

All agreed that everything went well and it was a great day. There was discussion of whether we should hold a Spring Fair as well. It was agreed that we would do so. Amit Barkay reported that Amy Moon had expressed interest in being involved.

USE OF EMAIL TO CONTACT RESIDENTS

Philida Sturgiss-Hoy had previously raised the lack of contact with new members once they joined. This matter should be discussed further with Philida.

OTHER BUSINESS

Downer Preschool: There was some concern expressed at the low numbers enrolled in the Preschool.

Action: A letter should be written to the Minister for Education pointing out that the scheme of directing students from Downer Preschool to Lyneham rather than to Watson had failed and should be reviewed.

Street trees: Miles Boak reminded members that Linda Slosu had previously raised the need to promote Downer's street trees, and that we had agreed to do something in autumn. It was noted that there was a complete coverage of trees in each street in Downer on the CD released in 2010. However, it was agreed that there may be an opportunity to feature particular streets.

Action: Miles Boak to follow up with Linda.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 5th May at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary