

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 7th Aug 2017

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Miles Boak (Chair), Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Jacqui Pinkava, Brian Callahan, Simon Stratton, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Amit Barkay, Stephen Sedgwick, Jim Dehlsen (Maintenance Officer).

Visitors: Lindsay Hunter & Rhiannon McClelland (CHC), Aniko & Peter Carey, Sam Hussey-Smith, Jensen Sass, Fiona Evans, Tim Blair, Robyn Miller, Jane Ahern, John Fielding.

APOLOGIES Robyn Rennie

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Lindsay Hunter from CHC reported on the following:

1. School site development. A notice of decision is imminent, and is expected by the end of the month. The remaining issue to be clarified is shading from buildings. A tender has been prepared for release to prospective builders. A marketing campaign will be commenced once final approval is obtained. Priority will be given to Downer residents up until the end of September. There was some discussion about whether other groups (eg family of Downer residents) should also be given priority. Lindsay said this will be clarified.
2. Downer Square. Documents had been distributed to the Committee previously, including plans and costings. Lindsay said there would be an opportunity to meet with Harris Hobbs and discuss changes. There was some discussion about the central area (including the rocks) and seating. It was noted that one of the seats would be as a memorial to Di Fielding. Lindsay noted that the main issue to focus on now was the overall plan, noting that there was a focus on the entrance to the square. Minor issues can be dealt with later. Lindsay said he had spoken to David Dawes regarding funding, and David had indicated that the money previously promised should be available. Lindsay suggested we should get the plans to Government as soon as possible to ensure agreement and guaranteed funding. He asked that feedback on the plans be provided to him by next Monday.
Action. Plans to be put on the DCA website and Facebook page to allow residents to comment on them.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of 3rd July 2017 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Downer Square. Email sent to Chief Minister's office requesting meeting. Reply offering a meeting with the Suburban Land Agency on 26th September.
2. Downer Neighbourhood Plan. Miles Boak has prepared a submission asking that Neighbourhood Plans not be removed as foreshadowed. He noted that the Downer Precinct Plan only applied to the school site.

CORRESPONDENCE

In

1. From Knight Frank Town Planning re. Community Consultation for Dickson Interchange
2. From Lindsay Hunter, CHC. With Landscape concepts and budget for Downer Village Square refurbishment.
3. From ACT Business and Industry Licencing advising of legislative changes from 1st July 2017 on reporting obligations to Access Canberra.

Out

1. Email to Chief Minister's office requesting meeting.
2. Email to Capital Metro requesting information about approval for removal of trees on Federal Highway.
3. Submission on Neighbourhood Plans.

CENTRE COORDINATORS REPORT

Amit Barkay is liaising with Machine Knitters Group re. storage.
Mara Pangallo remains as Centre Coordinator.

TREASURERS REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick had previously emailed a report. In July income was \$1002 (room hire, key deposit, book sales) and expenses \$1770 (bills, maintenance, wages). Balance in the main account at the end of July was \$3362.30, with \$6648.31 in our term deposit.

PARTY AT THE SHOPS

Saturday 14th October has been set as the date. We should involve SEE-Change, our clients and shop tenants.

Action. *Robyn Rennie to contact Downer Preschool about running stall(s) on the day for fundraising. A newsletter should be prepared to go out in early September.*

PARKING AT DOWNER CENTRE

Parking is limited at the Centre. Several parking spaces have been lost in the shops renovation, and a 1 hr limit has been placed on parking.

Action. Write to the Government to ask for:

1. Parking be extended to 2 hrs
2. That the open carpark near the oval be resurfaced and opened as additional parking.

GRANTS

Sam Hussey-Smith and Jensen Sass have been investigating possible grants.

1. Zero emissions grant through the ACT Government for double glazing of windows at the Centre.
2. A federal program through the local member (Andrew Leigh) for community related facilities. This is a dollar for dollar scheme and the following possibilities were suggested:

- Ask ACT Govt for \$9000 to get \$9000 from Federal Govt
- Split DCA \$4500, Act Govt \$4500, Federal Govt \$9000

Some suggested projects were:

- Cupboards for storage
- Upgrade our toilets, including disabled access

The fate of the outside toilets was mentioned. It was suggested these should be re-opened, upgraded and disabled toilets provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

Simon Stratton raised the issue of Community Gardens. It was noted that the SEE-Change workshops held previously had not been well attended. A suggested site for Community Gardens was the park area bounded by Cole, Burn & Bradfield streets.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday 4th September at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Miles Boak
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary