

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 7 July 2014

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Brian Callahan, Jane Ahern, Stephen Sedgwick, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Caroline Le Couteur, Patti Kendall, Miles Boak. Observers: Peter & Aniko Carey, John Fielding, Jane Goffman, Jodie Pipkorn (SEE-Change), Julie Clutterbuck (Peddlepower)

APOLOGIES

Denys Garden, Amit Barkay (leave of absence), Chris Paterson

Change in the agenda order.

1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there was \$6087 in the bank. June was another relatively low month for expenses, with just over \$1,500 being paid out. Total income from room hire for June was just over \$1,100.

Decline in room hire could become an issue because of construction noise from old school site.

Invoices for Term 2 have been sent out this week for a total of approximately \$7500. Next month will be a big bill period with PAYE quarterly tax, superannuation and workers compensation cover all due in July.

Di Fielding noted that the good position we are in is a reflection of the ease of invoicing using Stephen Sedgwick's new accounting system, and good follow-up.

2. Dickson Centre Redevelopment

Julie Clutterbuck presented to the committee from a Peddle Power perspective the response to the latest information on the Dickson Centre redevelopment. Her notes were circulated prior to the meeting. Basically, there are problems with how the 5 main intersections are planned. They have a deficient design from both cycling and pedestrian viewpoints, and a lack of consideration of detail has gone into this planning.

Jane Goffman, Dickson resident, raised issues specifically with the current DA for parking north of the pool, which is on exhibition till 18th July. Issues include: Another inappropriately sited entrance could have repercussions for Cowper Street as a whole; No overall traffic study is a problem; It is unclear how parking to service the Dickson centre is consistent with a CZ6 zone; It will not solve the additional parking needs from the removal of the western Dickson car park - the parking is already currently nearing capacity, and that is even before the seasonal pool needs are considered; Disability spaces are over 500 metres from main part of commercial centre. 300 metres has been shown to be the maximum that non-disabled people will walk to shopping, so it going to elevate the issue. There is a need to look at other options such as; use of the old TAB site; the Tradies carpark being opened to the public; Parking at the Transact/Motor Registry Challis street end being opened as well.

The government gained \$8.5 from the sale of the Dickson carpark to the Doma group - time for them put some of the money back into the problem they have created.

Peter Carey noted that there is a meeting on the Dickson parking issues this Saturday 12 July 4pm at Brindabella College which we would be welcome to attend.

Action. DCA to put in a submission objecting to the Carpark DA by 18 July, taking Jane's and Julie's points on board and other issues raised by the committee.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 2 June 2014 were accepted.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Di Fielding advised that Richard Bear (CHC) who was to be invited to the July meeting is still overseas.

Action: Di Fielding to follow-up and invite Richard to attend next meeting.

Di Fielding advised that Alison let her know that the exhibition of the Territory Plan Variation for the school site that was to occur in July has been put back to September as part of Omnibus set of amendments. **Noted**

Also demolition work has stopped on the school due unexpected asbestos removal issues. Work will recommence with works encased in protective wrapping.

Alison is keen for another briefing meeting for the community to take place.

School demolition Amit to raise protection of school courtyard with EDD : Amit Barkay emailed advising that there is now a fence around the courtyard to protect it during demolition.

Amit Barkay to investigate replacement of lights by LEDs. Amit advised by email that a quote for replacement of lights in the building with LEDs was sent to Diana and cc'd to Di Fielding. Until today no reply from the government. Di advised cost was in order of \$5000

Downer Preschool. Numbers at Downer Preschool are very low, due to a misunderstanding of where students will go on to. Many parents from Downer are opting to send their children to Watson Preschool rather than Downer. **Di to contact Education Minister outlining the move to part of Lyneham PS has failed putting the viability of centre at risk and requesting Downer be returned to be part of Majura PS.**

Miles Boak to contact Jim Dehlsen about doing small maintenance work at the Centre. Jim has agreed so his contact details need to be given to Jingwen and Jodie and he needs to be provided with a key.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Diane Crombie Dept Housing - Notifying that not in agreement to See Change sign. **See Change has been notified.**
2. Helen Warne seeking DCA support to vary federal policy on additional chemist in Dickson- **Di to reply that DCA agrees it is an issue but not really a community association matter.**

3. SEE Change proposal that the old school development should have overarching sustainability group to ensure appropriate project goal, framework put in place that it becomes leading example sustainable project. **DCA to decide out of session on its position. Di raised already existing reference group to act as community participation forum, although it hasn't met for some considerable time.**
4. Email from Capital Metro with forward on from Caroline Le Couteur about an online survey on the project. Philida to forward it to DCA community email group with statement that it is important to keep at it, as we especially need support on the Swinden Street trainstop question. Caroline encouraged everyone to fill it in.
5. Email from Machines knitters asking to be included in spring fair and have access to room for demonstration and to include wooden jigsaw people. **Agreed - see below for date**

6. Current DAs in Downer

- 10 units Duffield Place – Probably OK as it is for single storey townhouses for supportive housing. ACT Government the applicant. Exhibition closed 6 July, 2014 – DCA did not make a submission. Hopefully for Aged care. Patti is still inquiring.
 - 8 units in two structures Antill Street. RZ3 development knocking down existing duplex. Government is applicant. Closed 6 July, 2014. Design looks OK. No DCA submission.
7. **Spring Fair 2014** Agreed the date would be Saturday 20 September. Di, Chris and Denys to investigate participation of usual suspects. Jodie to be contacted about farm animals.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 4th August at 7 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Miles Boak
Temporary Minute Taker