

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
Monday 8th April 2013

The meeting opened at 7.05 pm.

PRESENT

Di Fielding (Chair), Amit Barkay, Miles Boak, Patti Kendall, Denys Garden, Caroline Le Couteur, Brian Callahan, Vira Meshcheryakova. Observers: Jodie Pipkorn, Mark Spain, Garry Watson (tenant in Business Centre).

The Convenor welcomed Vera van Kempen, Centre Coordinator, and the Observers to the meeting.

MATTERS DEALT WITH PRIOR TO MAIN MEETING

Canberra City Farm

Jodie Pipkorn and Mark Spain informed the Committee of progress on plans to locate parts of CCF at Downer Centre. They have met with Theo Poulos with positive outcomes. Theo is waiting for planning approval before proceeding. CCF have also made contact with Brindabella Court in Melba St. Planned activities by CCF are:

- Run experiment in Downer in partnership with shops tenants
- Find a site for a demonstration on growing food sustainably
- Run community workshops

The possibility of using the area of land behind the SeeChange office for plots was raised again.

Business Centre tenants

Garry Watson raised the problem lack of information for tenants about future plans for redevelopment, and advised that TAMS was issuing notices for tenants to move. It was agreed to keep each other informed about progress.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held 4th March 2013 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Key audit. Information is still being collected.

Google Calendar. **Amit Barkay to create new account for clients to log in to Calendar.**

Linda Slosu (Downer trees). Miles Boak has emailed her. She is interested in having a featured street from time to time to publicise the beauty of trees in the suburb. Patti Kendall suggested Linda be asked to discuss this possibility with DCA before next autumn.

Helen Athanasiadis (bookings on Sundays). Denys Garden has emailed her – no reply.

Zaheer Ahmad. Di Fielding reported that Zaheer's employment had been terminated due to non-compliance with conditions proposed by DCA. We need to get keys back from Zaheer – **Stephen Sedgwick agreed to do this.**

CORRESPONDENCE

In.

1. Various emails from Leon Arundell (NCCC) re.
 - Strategic Cycling Network meeting, 13th March
 - Canberra Airport meeting, March
 - Planning & Development Forum 2nd April
 - Comments on Temporary City Bus Terminal by 12th April
 - Call for submissions on DV308, Cooyong St, Braddon Renewal Area by 19th April
 - ACT Government City to the Lake seminars on 4,5,8 & 9 April
2. Email from Garry Watson re. lack of information about redevelopment of the school site.
3. Email from Greg Tantala re. EDD Community Engagement Updates
4. Email from Daniel Sheedy (10 Bonython St) re. updated timetable for EPA to check light levels of oval lights.
5. Email from Downer Preschool Association re. information for Downer Preschool Fete and possible 50th birthday celebrations for Preschool. **Denys Garden to send dates to Committee members.**
6. Email from Gemma Matheson, journalism student, about possibility of an interview about Downer Preschool. **Miles Boak undertook to contact her.**
7. Email from Elizabeth Bennett re. invitation to attend information session about Heart Foundation 'Heartmoves' classes (Fri 26th April, 11am at Downer Centre)

Out.

1. To the Chief Minister re. delays in approval process for shops.
2. Email to Garry Watson outlining proposed timeline for redevelopment of the old school site
3. Email to Downer Preschool Association re. Preschool Fete.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Amit Barkay reported that the toilets had been damaged again.

Vera van Kempen reported that the carpet sweepers were obsolete. **Vera authorised to obtain new sweepers.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that bills this month were low and there was very good income from hall hire, resulting in a balance in our working account of \$9144.06. Our term deposit now stands at \$6081.94.

OTHER BUSINESS

Donation to Watson Community Association

As Watson is celebrating its 50th Anniversary later this year and is hoping to produce a book to commemorate it, it was agreed that the DCA should give a modest donation (\$500) towards the costs involved. **Denys Garden agreed to find out the appropriate person to send this to and to advise the Treasurer.**

Newsletter

It was agreed that the next Newsletter should come out in early May and contain information on the following:

- Update on progress with the Shops
- Canberra City Farm
- Preschool Fete
- Ideas about trees in Downer (Linda Slosu)

Gungahlin Plan

Miles Boak noted that there was a new plan for Gungahlin, with some suburbs being deleted and the area made into a nature reserve. **It was agreed that we should send a letter of support, and Miles agreed to draft this.**

It was also noted that there was planning for Stage 2 of light rail for Gungahlin, and we should be briefed on this. Carolyn le Couteur suggested we form a reference group on Gungahlin development, as this will affect Downer (e.g. possible rezoning along Northbourne Ave to allow higher density).

Asbestos issues

Amit Barkay noted that a house in Bradfield St had been quarantined for over 18 months because of asbestos. It was agreed that we should approach the Government and find out what was going on. **Amit agreed to follow up.**

NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th May at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Di Fielding
Convenor

Denys Garden
Secretary