

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, Monday 5 July 2015

PRESENT

Di Fielding, Miles Boak, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Stephen Sedgwick, Chris Paterson, Jane Ahern, Caroline Le Couteur. Observers: Amit Barkay, Mrs Sedgwick, Fiona Dickson, Jane Goffman

GUEST Theo Poulos

APOLOGIES

Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Chris Paterson

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 1 June 2015 were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

OUTCOME OF DCA MEETING WITH ANDREW BARR MLA, CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Barr committed to following up on each of the three main issues raised at the meeting which were:

- 1) Development of the old Downer School Site: Would Mr Barr talk to EDD/CHC about the scale and appearance being similar to 'City Edge' development in O'Conner rather than the CHC "Braybrook" development in Bruce on the former school site. Mr Barr indicated he would look at how it will roll out with CHC and EDD.
- 2) Downer Local Shopping centre public space – Now that upgrading of the shops has commenced it is timely that money be spent on maintenance/upgrading public square. Will Mr Barr talk to David Dawes about timing? Mr Barr said he would look at it in a budget context.
- 3) Downer Preschool - Given the dire consequences to enrolments the allocation of Downer Preschool once assigned to Lyneham Primary School, would Mr Barr discuss having the preschool reassigned back to Majura Primary School, where most Downer parents want to send their children. The numbers have dropped from 40 families to 9 families. Miles followed up with an email to the Chief Minister the following day outlining the points discussed and outcomes. To date no response from Mr Barr has been received by the DCA.

Action: Di Fielding to follow up with Mr Barr's office

ISSUES IN RELATION TO SEE-CHANGE PHONE LINE

SEE-Change had been experiencing problems with their phone connection once the redevelopment of Downer shops had commenced. It transpired that the phone line was incorrectly set up and that the line for the DCA building was run through the shops. Theo Poulos, developer of the Downer shops, addressed the meeting and explained the situation. The current line problem is a Telstra problem that has not be caused by any action of the DCA. The line was incorrectly installed and the problem will be rectified by the provider.

Action: DCA to look at providers and costs for a new landline, alternatively, to consider the need and comparable costs for a DCA designated mobile phone only.

DCA ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Denys and Stephen conducted a trial run, setting up tables to gauge space and potential seating. They were satisfied that all participants would be able to be seated with a number of alternative options/space for larger than anticipated numbers. The storage area behind the kitchen could be used for the buffet display. Miles has a list of people who have been on the committee in the past.

AS the hire of cutlery and crockery is expensive, it was decided to buy the items needed from second hand/op shops and return them to the charities after the dinner.

Action: Miles to send out invitations at the end of July. Chris to present quotes/costs for buffet at next month's meeting. Publicity to be organised nearer the time – October 24th. Theo (Downer shops developer) to be informed event is taking place and requested to cease work in the afternoon of 24th Oct.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

In the centre coordinator's absence, Stephen reported that a couple of keys had been handed back by 2 groups. There is an overall shortage of keys with more needing to be cut.

In view of the possible change to phone numbers, it was decided that the old phone numbers on the DCA signs should be removed and the DCA web address shown instead.

Graffiti needs to be removed and DCA to look at whose responsibility it is to do it, the landlords or DCA.

Some building maintenance is required and the shed gutters need cleaning.

Action: Stephen Sedgwick to follow up on process for getting more keys cut. Jim Dehlsen to be asked to let locksmith in, also to attend to identified building maintenance.

Di Fielding to recommence monthly meeting with Jing Wen and Jim

Jane Ahern to obtain quote from graphic designer for stickers with DCA web address

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen Sedgwick reported that Up to the 6th of July, DCA experienced a bank balance increase of just over \$5000, compared to this time last year where a loss of \$400 was made.

This month's increase was made up from \$6800 from room hire, book sales of \$60, a modest \$544 for bills and \$1,300 in wage payments. Next month's wages will be slightly lower. Further

Income, from as yet unpaid room hire, is also expected in July. Activity statements for the 2014-2015 financial year are about to be sent out.

CENTRE CORRESPONDENCE

- Di reported that Kim Sinclair CEO of CHC Affordable Housing sees it as important that she continues to communicate with the DCA on the old Downer School site development.
- Robin Burger, the Tenancies Property Officer for ACT Government to be sent a request to have graffiti removed from DCA property.
- The Community Energy Efficiency programme was completed and members of the DCA committee are required to attend a post works tenant's education night. An energy audit box has been installed to record to record power changes, usage etc.

Action: Denys to continue updating the DCA website about the school site and shops developments.

CITY AND NORTHBOURNE URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK

Jane Goffman reported that there has been no draft final to comment on from the charrette she and DCA committee members attended - City and Northbourne Urban Design Framework workshop - 10 weeks after the event. Jane intends to write to the government expressing her concern, especially as the proposed development of light railway stations have been subsumed in an omnibus variation.

UPDATE ON DOWNER SHOPS DEVELOPMENT

Theo Poulos was welcomed to the meeting and reported that the asbestos removal has been completed and demolition has started. They have managed to remove much of the render on the buildings without damaging the brickwork, which is going to remain. The Hardwood rafters have been saved as have some of the old Downer shop signs. Theo also updated the committee on the

situation with phone service providers. Theo also informed the meeting that the Vet had taken more space in the shops, there is to be a bakery, a pub at the end of the shops, a Greek style street food shop and a BBQ restaurant. He is also considering a farmers market and there are plans being drawn up for back block gardens.

DCA PHONE LINE REQUIREMENTS

There was some discussion around the need for DCA to have a landline and the costs involved in the installation. It was agreed that a DCA designated mobile phone would be sufficient and more economical.

CHC Affordable Housing

Kim from CHC forwarded a copy of the updated design for the old school site they showed the committee at last month's meeting. There was some discussion around re-orientating parking to create better community garden space. Kim informed us that once they owned the land they would tender for construction. DCA to ask CHC to hold an open meeting when they own land to allow input from the community.

SPRING FAIR

It was agreed that the Spring Fair would be put on hold this year to coincide with the shopping centre opening.

PA SYSTEM

There was some discussion about the merits of the DCA purchasing a PA system. A decision was deferred until the next committee meeting to await the return of committee members who have been investigating the feasibility of buying a system.

Action: Discussion at next meeting as to whether we proceed with such a purchase.

Di thanked everyone for attending and commented that it was wonderful to see so many people attending.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 3rd August 2015 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Di Fielding

Jane Ahern

Convener

Secretary