

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, Monday 30 November 2015

PRESENT

Denys Garden (Acting Convener) Robyn Rennie, Brian Callahan, Stephen Sedgwick, Patti Kendall, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Fiona Dickson, Jacqui Pinkava, Amit Barkay

Jane Ahern (outgoing Secretary), Jim Dehlsen (Maintenance Officer)

APOLOGIES

Miles Boak

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2015 were accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016

Convener: Miles Boak

Convener back up: Amit Barkay

Secretary: Fiona Dickson

Secretary back up: Jacqui Pinkava

Treasurer: Stephen Sedgwick

Public Officer: Brian Callahan

Centre Liaison Officer: Amit Barkay

Centre Liaison Officer back up: Brain Callahan

Committee Members: Denys Garden, Patti Kendall, Robyn Rennie, Philida Sturgiss-Hoy

It was agreed that with the election of a new committee, statements of duties would be emailed to all 2016 members. All office bearers and committee members were thanked for putting their hands up for their roles and previous office bearers and committee members were thanked for their contributions and input.

Action: Stephen Sedgwick to organise duty statements.

CENTRE CORRESPONDENCE

As noted.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Stephen reported for Jingwen who is on holiday. A new Centre Coordinator will need to be appointed when Jingwen steps down from her role. Stephen will carry out the duties until a new coordinator is appointed. It was agreed that the job description for the coordinator's role would be revised and advertising for the vacant position would take place in January 2016 in the newsletter and on the DCA website. Miles, Stephen and Amit to be involved in the interviews and selection process. Stephen reported that the new centre bookings for the 2016 year will need to be dealt with, Jingwen to email clients to see if they want to retain their booking for 2016.

Action: Denys to place job advertisement on the DCA website in December and in January newsletter. Miles, Stephen and Amit to revise duty statement and interview applicants. Process to begin in January 2016. Stephen to organise Centre bookings for the new (2016) year.

CHC/DOWNER SCHOOL SITE REDEVELOPMENT ROADS REFERENCE GROUP

There was some discussion about the roads surrounding the old school site redevelopment and the proposed ingress/egress for new residents and workers from the commercial/childcare facilities and Downer shopping centre. It was agreed that the aim of the DCA is to inform CHC/the architects about the style of development and use of infrastructure around the site that would best preserve the integrity of the area and allow the development to blend seamlessly into Downer's streetscapes and suburb ambience. DCA will continue to campaign to prevent open space to be taken, to have better road usage facilitated and to have further discussion around the roads in the plans. The committee agreed that getting the roads planned correctly would lead to a more sustainable, acceptable site design. Peripheral roads are considered preferable to a central road through the site.

Action: Patti and Denys to attend Roads Reference Group in Miles' absence

PROPOSED COMMUNITY GARDENS

SeeChange and Canberra City Farms have been asked to put forward a proposal to create a set of best practise community gardens in developments using CHC Downer development as the case study. SeeChange are seeking timeframes to engage the Downer community to comment on these guidelines. It was agreed that it would be best to wait until after the summer holidays and seek community input in February 2016.

Action: Patti to liaise and coordinate community input with SeeChange. Carry over until February 2016 meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion around a memorial chair/bench with plaque honouring Di Fielding.

Action: Carry over to February 2016 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 1 February 2016 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed 8.40pm

Denys Garden
Acting Convener

Jane Ahern
Outgoing Secretary