

DOWNER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting, Monday 5 October 2015

PRESENT

Di Fielding, Miles Boak, Brian Callahan, Stephen Sedgwick, Jane Ahern, Patti Kendall, Denys Garden.
Observer: John Fielding. Guests: Kim Sinclair & Eddy Burke from CHC Affordable Housing

APOLOGIES

Philida Sturgiss-Hoy, Chris Paterson, Caroline Le Couteur

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 7 September were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Upgrading of Bicentennial Square: Di reported that she has now had 2 phone calls from Mr Barr's office as a result of her repeated requests for a response to Downer Community Association's concerns about the upgrading of Bicentennial Square, which has fallen into disrepair. DCA have been informed that the Square will definitely be upgraded prior to the re-opening of Downer shops. There has still been no reply from Mr Dawes as to whether Mr Barr has spoken to him about the Square.

Action: Di to continue seeking Mr Dawes' response

Downer preschool: Di continues to follow up on the issue of lack of community information confirming that Downer Preschool is a feeder school for North Ainslie, Majura and Lyneham Primary Schools, not just Lyneham Primary School.

Action: Continue to seek changes through relevant Government departments.

Mobile phone: The need for a mobile phone has been removed as Telstra has restored the landline. If SeeChange have any further internet issues, they are to be resolved with their internet provider.

Possum/rodent problem: Pest removal was carried out to resolve the possum/rodent problem under the auspices of Robyn Burger, ACT Property Tenancies Officer. The evidence of possum habitation needs to be removed from the ceilings.

Action: Jim to be asked to clean ceilings

New Term Deposit: Action arising for the January 2016 meeting. Stephen to look at various options.

DCA Anniversary dinner: It was decided to use hire cutlery and crockery from the caterers. Costs were discussed. DCA members to supply tablecloths.

Action: Chris to check if cutlery and crockery needs to be washed before being returned to the caterers.

Downer shops redevelopment: It was agreed to organise a walk around the redevelopment site with Theo – as offered.

CENTRE CORRESPONDENCE

As noted.

CENTRE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The property group checked and cleaned the gutters. There are no leaks; any rain coming in was through the flue for the heater. Jim has repaired the heater seals.

Jim has also foxed the doors that would not close properly.

Toilet roles have been disappearing from storage so they are to be stored elsewhere.

After the centre was broken in to, our key security was compromised. The ACT Property Group was consulted and Stephen met with the locksmith. The centre will be re-keyed.

Action: Jingwen to refresh the key register and email all clients to exchange keys

TREASURER'S REPORT

Stephen reported that September, with the help of money for the 30th Anniversary dinners, saw a small profit of \$220. General bills were on the low side at \$460 and wages were average at \$1052. Room hire income totalled \$1400, while \$325 was received for the 30th Birthday Dinner. Room hire invoices were sent out this month. As a result, September saw the beginning of this money starting to come in. PAYE tax and superannuation are due in October.

Conservative estimates for key replacement for the break-in are around \$1500-1700.

DCA ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Further organisation for the evening was discussed and tasks allocated. All preparations are going well and the evening looks to be on track for a successful night.

Action: DCA members to meet at 4pm for an hour or so to set up

CAPITAL METRO REFERENCE GROUP

Di, who was invited to be a member of the Dickson reference group, asked if any members have questions they would like put to the group. It is important to express community wishes before the project commences. There are still a lot of questions to be answered about the impact light rail will have on the Downer Community, for example, where is the station at Swinden Street going to be located? The DCA will seek clarity and answers as well as giving community input to the reference group. We don't want silence to be taken for granted that the community is happy with the changes.

Action: Di to seek further information about proposed Capital Metro planned changes on Northbourne Avenue.

CHC AFFORDABLE HOUSING/DOWNER SCHOOL SITE REDEVELOPMENT

Kim and Eddy Burke attended the meeting. They reported that they are working with the Land Development Authority who confirmed that the works have been let. Kim and Eddy were informed that off-road parking is an issue for the Downer community and we would like to know what plans are in place for that. How will the heritage trees be protected and who will look after their on-going care once the development is completed? Who will ensure that there is no parking under the trees which will compact the soil and adversely impact the trees roots and ability to obtain moisture?

Architects submissions have been called for and 2 have been shortlisted. The next step in the development is for Project Reference Groups for the roads to begin looking at ingress and egress to the site. 2 places on the reference group are for members of the DCA committee, Miles and Patti will join the group. CHC will look at what can be done keeping in mind the legal requirements of TAMS. The first conversations will be on the alignment of the roads (Melba, Bradfield etc.) then the architect's plans, in conjunction with Government regulations. The DCA expressed its firm opposition to any impact/intrusion onto the oval.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 2 November 2015 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Di Fielding
Convener

Jane Ahern
Secretary