

DCA 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2024 – DOWNER COMMUNITY CENTRE – 7.30pm

PRESENT: Robyn Rennie, Amit Barkay, Leon Arundell, Amy Barthet, Jacqui Pinkava, Miles Boak (ON LINE when internet allowed), Robyn Sirr, John Godwin, Pam Behncke, Sue Dyer, Jane Teasey, Simone Grey, Jeannette Fiero.

APOLOGIES: Suzanne Pitson, Aniko Carey.

Meeting commenced 7.35pm, Chaired by Robyn Rennie- Convenor. Concluded 9pm

1. Welcome to all by Robyn Rennie. A round of introductions followed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE –

5 Dec 2023- 28 Jan 2024. Jacqui Pinkava presented these and referred to the items listed in bold, noted for further attention in the meeting's agenda.

INCOMING:

5 Dec- Sue Dyer- forwarding Inner North Play Space final design. Noted that a R9 bus stop nearby would be a good addition- re: accessibility. *Sue Dyer said she has put in a submission.* *

12 Dec- TCCS Cmty Engagement- information on FOGO tender. *

22 Dec- Office of Elizabeth Lee- personalised message to Robyn Rennie – Seasons Greetings to the DCA

22 Dec- request for Downer@50 to ex-Downer resident now in Qld. *Jacqui has actioned this sale.*

8 Jan- Miles Boak- info on DCA changing bank account. Committee matter so should use personal email!

15 Jan – Rob Vines –Bradfield group applying for partial cancellation of Heritage status of pines. ATTACHED.

17 Jan- Anne Stearman- suggesting the Downer Square would be a good spot for an EV charging station. *Jacqui has replied that ACTEW is planning to do just that.*

24 Jan- new member- Isle Jamonts. Wants to know about art classes *

25 Jan- Sue Dyer- Forwarding on ACT Planning implementation team's schedule for planning training for 2024. Forwarded to Committee.

OUTGOING:

17 Dec- DCA Christmas E-Bulletin- 2024 committee and issues to pursue in 2024.

ACTION: Jacqui will put info in the next DCA newsletter about the items denoted with (*) ie: Inner North play space, FOGO tender, info about facebook community pages relevant to Downer residents.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** 4 December 2023 – approved (Amit and Robyn); now loaded on website.

4. **DCA APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING** for Fenton St Park. *Applicant Simone Gray tabled an application requesting \$1,000 for purchase of native plants to create habitat for smaller birds. **Decision:** As proposal fits with DCA Guidelines and budget, proposal is approved. Noted that proponents are required to seek reimbursement for evidenced expenditure.*

REPORTS:

5. **PREVIOUS MINUTES ACTION ITEMS** (excluding items from Centre liaison and Treasurer in items 5 and 6)

- Update on actions arising from DCA Committee change - *Amit and Robyn confirmed that these actions have been completed.*
- Lease renewal follow up (Miles/ Suzanne)- *Due to Suzanne being absent and internet connection with Miles was poor, we agreed to defer this item till next meeting*
- Centre coordination status – *Amit introduced Amy; Amy has commenced some work;*
- Parking changes, liaison with DCA and commercial tenants, pedestrian crossing, and update on meeting with Minister Steele. *Amit updated that the ACT Govt. said it was a mistake to put “no parking” – it’s should be “delivery zone.*

ACTION:

Miles / Suzanne - Lease renewal follow up and report back

Amit/ Miles - Complete onboarding for Amy, new Centre Coordinator

Miles - Check that TCCS change “No parking sign” as promised, to “Delivery zone” in commercial tenant area.

6. **CENTRE LIAISON action items and report** (Amit)

- Clearing of items by DCA clients/ storage space rationalisation – *in progress. Amy/Amit will send reminder to clients to dispose and/or identify items essential for storage, with Amit, aiming to be done by next meeting.*
- Keylock; garden bed barrier; new vacuums – *update: vacuum now bought. Amit will mount it on wall. Keylock – Amy has this now; Amit said the garden bed is now ok after the drains were cleared last week; drains need regular cleaning out.*
- Centre report: *highlight is that new Coordinator Amy started 2 weeks ago; Amy and Amit outlined that booking system needs review*
- Noted that Nestoria, the cleaner, now works on Mondays at the correct award rate.

ACTION:

Amit/ Amy: Send reminder to Centre clients to dispose of unnecessary items, rationalise storage, and will update re progress at next meeting; Seek another handover from previous Centre Coordinator Stephen about the booking system; investigate options for alternate off the shelf booking system to bring to next meeting.

7. **TREASURER’S action items and report** (Miles)

- *Update re Working account and Special projects account was provided. Accounts purposes were reviewed. Agreed: Miles will move funds that are currently in the special projects account into a term deposit for better interest earning; He will create a new account designated for receipt of any grants money we receive; A new account with beyond bank will be set up.*

- *Treasurer report was provided electronically prior to the meeting, and reviewed at the meeting.*

ACTION:

Miles- move funds that are currently in the special projects account into a term deposit; create a new account designated for future grants; update on opening of new accounts with Beyond Bank. DCA signatories for the Beyond Bank accounts required.

8. SEE CHANGE AND EV CHARGING (Amit)

- *Amit updated that ACTEW advises that EV station is due to be installed at Downer shops by end of Q1 – subject to approval from ACT Government*

9. NCC MEETING REPORT

- *Leon tabled a written report about NCCC AGM on 15/11/23. As he was unable to email it to DCA committee, Robyn S undertook to scan and circulate it.*
- *Next NCCC meeting will be at Dickson Library and live streamed: 7pm 14/2/24*

NEW BUSINESS:

10. MATTER ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- *8 Jan- Miles Boak- info on DCA changing bank account. Robyn said a new approach for DCA account signatories was decided upon last year, and is in progress.*
- *15 Jan – Rob Vines –Bradfield group is applying for partial cancellation of Heritage status of pines in Bradfield St. Robyn S said that she is a member of this Bradfield group; As previously, the group will keep DCA updated; if the application is accepted for consideration by Heritage Council, a period of public consultation ensues.*
- *25 Jan- Sue Dyer- Forwarding on ACT Planning implementation team’s schedule for planning training for 2024. Has been forwarded to DCA Committee.*

11. GOODWIN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AMENDMENT NOTICE.

ATTACHED to agenda. Public notification period 25 Jan to 15 Feb 2024. *Jacqui read out the amendments- details are in the links on ACT DA. DCA not providing comments. Individuals may wish to do so.*

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/applications-and-assessments/development-applications/browse-das/development-application-details?da-number=202138825&amendment-version=S197E>

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

- *Clean up Australia 2024 – Sunday 3 March. DCA have organised an event for past 22 years – do we have volunteers available this year?*
- *DCA Centre Coordinator and Treasurer service. Consensus that Stephen deserves acknowledgement for years of voluntary service and transition help. \$200 Voucher was endorsed.*
- *Gang Gang music festival – no update available yet*
- *Lights for Cole street park – carry over.*
- *Community pathway to light rail stop –Agreement that this is ACT govt responsibility. No action yet taken by TCCS despite promises. Hold over for future meeting.*

ACTION

Amit/ Miles to email rest of DCA committee asap to decide if we can again host 2024

Clean Up Aust event at Downer

Amit to organise thank you gift voucher for Stephen on behalf of DCA

Follow up at future meeting: lights for Cole St Park –

Follow up at future meeting: re ACT Govt commitment to improve pathways to light rail stop

Next DCA Meeting: 730 pm Monday 4 March

Robyn Rennie – DCA Convenor

Robyn Sirr – Minute Secretary