



**RESIDENTS 3000 INC. COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 27th OCTOBER 2014
AT THE KELVIN CLUB, MELBOURNE PLACE
FROM 6.00PM**

MINUTES

- 1. Welcome:** John Dall'Amico opened the meeting at 6.20pm and welcomed all present.
- 2. Apologies:** Anne Barton 0/11, Gabrielle Pickering 3/11, and Rauni Fertin 2/3 (filling a casual vacancy during the term of this committee).
- Present:** John Dall'Amico (President) 11/11, Eric Giammario (Vice-President) 11/11, Susan Saunders (Interim Treasurer) 11/11 and Merle Willis (Secretary & Assistant Interim Treasurer) 11/11, and Robyn Bunting 6/11.

In Attendance: Rafael Camillo (by invitation)

- 3. Quorum:** A quorum was declared.
- 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
The minutes of the previous committee meeting held on Monday, 29th September, 2014 had been circulated to the committee.

Motion to Accept the minutes:

Moved: Eric Giammario

Seconded: Merle Willis

MOTION CARRIED

5. Business Arising

a) Honouring John Price – RB

Robyn Bunting had previously advised that she had contacted the CEO of the Vic Market to seek their agreement to install a plaque acknowledging the work of John Price, and is continuing to follow this through as required.

b) Christmas Street party – RB

It had previously been noted that a Christmas Street party would be held in December. This is to be discussed later in the agenda.

- i. Catering sponsors and location – RF

6. Correspondence In / Out

John Dall'Amico advised of the correspondence he received as follows:

- An email from Geoff Robinson, Manager Engineering Services from the City of Melbourne regarding an Integrated Waste Management Plan for 2015 – 2018. John has been invited to be involved in a technical group to provide advice and feedback to the COM on the development of a new waste plan. John advised that he has accepted the invitation and would be attending the meetings.

Other correspondence received:

- a letter from the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation advising of an application being granted for the restaurant and café licence at basement of 47 – 55 Latrobe Street, Melbourne. John Dall'Amico had submitted an objection.



- Advanced notification by the COM, with diagram of major traffic works on Lonsdale Street between Swanston and Russell streets in mid-November. The works, which will take 8 to 10 weeks to complete, have been timed to be complete for the Lonsdale Street Festival in early February 2015.

7. President's Report

John Dall'Amico noted that saving the Drill Hall has been an important issue that he has been involved in over recent weeks. John noted that an added challenge in saving the Drill Hall had been a lack of proper communication between the tenants of the Drill Hall.

Action: Robyn Bunting to provide the committee with a copy of the article in Friday's Age regarding the future of the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic choir & orchestra and the Drill Hall.

8. Treasurer's Report - SS

The Treasurer, Susan Saunders advised the committee that PayPal is now operational on the website and that three new members had already joined using the facility. She also noted that a small PayPal fee was deducted for each transaction, reducing the amount received slightly.

Susan advised that Westpac, the bank that R3000 currently has its accounts with are charging \$0.75 for every internet transaction, and that it would be preferred that a new cheque and savings account be opened with ANZ, who do not charge any bank fees. She also noted that the President or Treasurer should each have the ability and authority to make payments independently to expedite the payment process.

Moved: Robyn Bunting
That R3000 take their banking from Westpac to a new service provider, the ANZ for the purposes of reduced costs and the provision of better services.

Seconded: Merle Willis

Abstained: Eric Giammario

MOTION CARRIED

9. Membership – EG & SS

Eric Giammario noted that there had not been a membership sub-committee meeting since the last meeting. He advised that the R3000 promotional brochure as used last year had been sent to Rafael Camillo to revise.

Action: Rafael confirmed that he would restructure the flyer with the aim of having it ready for the AGM. The tear out receipt section is also being incorporated.

Action: Eric suggested and it was agreed that a kiosk would be set up at the AGM with a computer and Wi-Fi access to accept membership payments by PayPal.

Eric advised the committee that a budget for advertising would need to be prepared, and for R3000 to consider advertising the AGM in the CBD News and COM's Melbourne monthly magazine. He noted that as a not-for-profit organisation some of the funds need to be used to promote membership, and that there is no need to maintain a large bank balance. However, it was noted that timing of the AGM means that advertising in the next CBD News would be missed. Robyn noted, and it was agreed that due to time restraints that this year AGM advertising should be kept to a minimum, but that members be encouraged to bring a friend or two.

Eric noted that a database of new prospective members was needed, and that consideration needs to be given by all committee members as to where this can be obtained.

Survey - Eric suggested that the draft survey prepared by Merle Willis using Survey Monkey could be improved by adding "why" questions to obtain more relevant information in the feedback. It was noted that this was a work in progress.

10. Events and Programs

11. Potential Events and Programs



a) **Debriefing – Meet the Candidates – RC**

Rafael Camillo noted that the fact that the recent event had to be planned very quickly made it difficult to attract more attendees. Timing of the event meant that the deadline for it to be advertised in the CBD News was missed. Rafael noted that besides being emailed to the R3000 database, the invitation had also been sent to all Kelvin Club members which consisted of about 550 people. Besides more widespread advertising, he suggested that a better response may be received in future if the reminder email was sent on the day of the event. It was noted that the event provided an ideal opportunity for the Drill Hall's case to be heard and commented on by the Candidates.

Robyn Bunting suggested that posters with the R3000 logo could be erected around the city and that the radio and local daily CBD newsletter, the MX also be considered to be used to advertise future events.

Action: Robyn Bunting to find out advertising costs for not-for-profit organisations.

It was noted that a dialogue would be continued with the candidates, now that an initial relationship has been formed. Rafael Camillo suggested that a report of the event with pictures be added to the R3000 website.

b) **Christmas street party – RB**

Robyn Bunting advised that Hosier Lane Inc. had agreed to host the street party in Hosier Lane, in conjunction with R3000. A date for the event after the AGM would be determined, possibly early in December. She noted that there is a second painter due in the lane, and any media interest could be utilised to also advertise the upcoming street party. Robyn Bunting advised that a local café may be able to provide the coffees. It was noted that a catering sponsor(s) was to be identified for the event, and that a working group would plan the event.

c) **Laneway beautification**

i) Waste management ii) Greening

d) **Children's play areas**

e) **Cigarette butt "clean-up" campaign**

It had previously been noted that the new Residents 3000 logo would be used on cigarette "butt bins" for branding. Robyn Bunting noted that should the community grant R3000 applied for be received it would be important that the R3000 logo becomes visible and known to people in the CBD. John Dall'Amico noted that he was able to arrange to provide the butt bins, and that a grant should also be considered to fund the butt bins.

Action: Robyn advised that she would approach the Anti-Cancer Council regarding funding for butt-bins.

12. General Business

a) **AGM**

i) **Guest speaker – Andrew Wailes**

The date and venue of the AGM was confirmed for Wednesday, 26 November at the Kelvin Club, with Andrew Wailes as guest speaker. It was noted that a budget for food and entertainment be considered for the AGM.

Robyn Bunting recommended that advertising of the event should commence on the website soon, and that reminders be posted/emailed weekly.

Action: Eric Giammarino suggested that a survey of committee roles for the year be prepared noting the contributions made by all committee members.

13. Other General Business

Website – Susan Saunders encouraged the committee to contribute to the website content by drafting articles, editing and providing comment on the website. Rafael Camillo noted that draft articles can be sent to Susan Saunders to edit and post, to share the responsibility of writing articles which can be very time consuming.



Susan Saunders informed the committee of a family member who is a developer and architect in the CBD, and is also one of the original people in the CBD with an interesting story to tell. Susan suggested that she approach the family member with the aim to post his story on the R3000 website. Robyn Bunting suggested that each month a different person of interest can be featured, perhaps as "Resident of the month", with an article and picture of the resident posted to the website.

John Dall'Amico advised the committee that he has approached the new president of City Precinct, Gerard Kelly, with a view that a different small CBD business owner could give a presentation and tell their story at a Residents 3000 get-together once a month. This person could be the monthly person featured on the website, after the architect article. It was noted that the right time and place for this type of event would need to be identified. It was also noted that it be considered that some food and alcohol also be provided to guests at this and other events, which assists in encouraging people to attend.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Committee meetings have been scheduled to be held on the last Monday of each month, with the next formal meeting to be held on Monday, 24th November 2014, two days before the scheduled date for the AGM.

15. Meeting Close

The meeting was declared closed at 7.17pm.

Confirmed as correct.

[signed]

John Dall'Amico, President

Date: 24 November 2014