



RESIDENTS 3000 INC. COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015
AT 101/166 FLINDERS STREET, MELBOURNE
FROM 6.00PM

MINUTES

1. **Welcome:** Susan Saunders, the Vice-President welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 7.05pm. She advised that John Dall'Amico, the President was an apology for the meeting, and would also be away and an apology for the next meeting.
- Present:** Susan Saunders 10/11, Merle Willis 11/11, Artur Hajda 6/11, Robyn Bunting 6/11, Eric Giammario 7/11, Steven Myrteza 5/11, and Shelley Roberts 7/11.

2. **Apologies:** John Dall'Amico 10/11, Rafael Camillo 7/11, and Denise Reynolds 7/11.

3. **Quorum:** A quorum was present.

4. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the two previous committee meetings held on Tuesday, 27th July 2015 and Monday, 31st August had been circulated to the committee, and taken as read.

Motion to Accept the minutes

Moved: Eric Giammario

Seconded: Steven Myrteza

MOTION CARRIED

5. **Business Arising**

a) **FED Square get-fit / training sessions**

Robyn Bunting advised that the Nike Get Fit program was not suitable for R3000 to become involved with, but that there are other potential sessions at Fed Square that could be investigated and are open to everyone.

c) **Residents 3000 policy positions – SM**

Steven Myrteza noted that it had been agreed at a previous meeting that a list of policy position topics were not needed upfront, however he provided a draft list of topics which was discussed in detail by the committee. It was decided that the initial policy position statements that would be started on would be: (1) Noise/Buskers, (2) Rough Sleepers/Homeless People, and (3) Building Standards. Steven advised that he would prepare a draft of one of the above three policy statements to get the process started, ahead of the next committee meeting.

6. **Correspondence In / Out**

It was noted that correspondence received by post had been distributed to the committee prior to the meeting.

7. **President's Report**

In the absence of the President, John Dall'Amico, Susan Saunders delivered a report on behalf of the President.

Susan advised that John Dall'Amico would be meeting with the City of Melbourne about beautification of laneways, including the beautification of the Melbourne Place laneway, as part of the "Love your Laneway" program.

The importance of the monthly distribution of the CBD News was again stressed, with all committee members requested to assist where possible, due to the substantial funding it could provide to R3000 in comparison to membership fees. A discussion was held with regards to current membership, website subscriber numbers, and increasing the membership fee at the AGM. Sue Saunders advised that there was no longer a common renewal date, and that the push was to switch as many memberships as possible to payment by PayPal so that renewals are



generated automatically. Sue noted that the database was up to date and accurate and that outstanding renewals could be easily tracked, however that there had only been a small response when emails following up renewals were sent recently.

A discussion was held with regards to the practicality of offering members a free drink at the Thursday night drinks night. Sue noted that with the revenue being received from the paper delivery that R3000 could afford to provide nibbles at drinks nights. It was noted again that numbers for the paper delivery needed to be increased to build revenue, potentially up to \$25,000 per year. Sue Saunders also noted that when R3000 grows and raises more revenue, that better events can be held and that admin assistance to manage sites and the database could potentially be paid for. Robyn advised that City Precinct receives \$275 from the City of Melbourne for each new member that joins their organisation, and that as a commercial entity they were keen to be involved with R3000.

Sue noted that 59% of city dwellers are non-Australian residents and international students. Sue requested that committee members contact John individually ahead of the next paper delivery near the end of October. She advised that currently trolleys are used to deliver the papers to restaurants and coffee shop across the city. Robyn Bunting suggested that papers could be delivered to strata managers for CBD buildings, and for R3000 to consider delivering to real estate agents. Robyn also advised that the MX newspaper stands had now disappeared, and were no longer an option for R3000 to use. Also, if not already done, for papers to be delivered to council and Fed Square, and also to libraries and RMIT. Artur mentioned the need to approach building managers to allow access to buildings. Shelley suggested delivery to architecture students, and confirmed that she would take 37 papers to deliver to her own building and 50 for QV2.

8. Treasurers Report – DR

The Treasurer, Denise Reynolds had distributed financial reports to 31 August 2015 to the committee and these were taken as read.

9. Sub-Committee Reports

Fund Raising, Grants, Charity Sub-Committee – This was discussed previously in the meeting.

Membership / Membership Benefits – This was discussed previously in the meeting.

Events Sub-Committee – A summary of the remaining events being considered for the year and for early 2016 are as follows:

- 1) Thursday, 1st October – The speaker is planned to be Fiona Patten, the Leader of the Australian Sex Party.
- 2) Thursday, 5th November– Overview of the project by Melbourne Metro Rail.
- 3) Thursday, 26th November – AGM / End of year party, with the speaker to be Tim Leslie, from the Australian Institute of Architects. Tim was the founding president of Open House Melbourne.
- 4) Thursday, 4th February 2016 – a Trivia Night, organised by Artur Hadja.
- 5) Thursday, 3rd March 2016 – An Apartment Standards event to be arranged by Shelley Roberts.
- 6) An Event with City Precinct (to be arranged by Rafael Camillo).

10. Website Discussion / Update

Artur Hajda noted that the website had been organised in accordance with the R3000 slogan, which is “Connect – Support – Represent”. Sue confirmed that the website was continuing to be re-organised and updated. Sue noted that Artur has the structure in place, but that they were still reworking old comments, which was progressing well. Sue also noted that Member Events had been added. Shelley Roberts, as a possible sponsor to R3000 queried the amount of traffic accessing the website, which Sue confirmed she would check and advise. Artur advised that there was a need to link the website to social media.

Sue Saunders advised that John Dall’Amico and Shane Scanlon were seeking a printer who would be able to print a booklet and vouchers for R3000 members free of charge. Sue Saunders also advised that they had been working on a revised double-sided R3000 brochure for the AGM, and were waiting to hear back from the designer before forwarding it to the committee for comments.



Sue Saunders noted that the R3000 survey sponsored by Hocking Stuart had been included on facing page 6 of this month's CBD News, and advised that it would also be uploaded to the website and sent out by email to the subscriber list. Shelley queried the possibility of posting jobs on the website, however it was noted that it would not be practical to do so at this stage.

11. Projects and Programs

a) 3000 Steps – Residents 3000 Grid walk in partnership with I'm Free Tours and participating cafes, supported by MCC

It was noted that R3000 was waiting on the outcome of the grant application for \$8,000 that had been submitted to the COM, which was expected to be known in October.

b) Meet the other associations

This is ongoing, and being worked on by Rafael Camillo.

12. General Business

13. Date of Next Meeting

A discussion had been held early in the meeting regarding the next meeting date and venue, due to the Kelvin Club no longer opening on Monday evenings, and it was decided to continue with meetings on Monday evenings for now as agreed for this year, and that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 26 October, but at the office of Shelley Roberts, at Gleeson Roberts Pty Ltd, Total House, Level 8, 180 Russell Street.

The remaining Committee meeting scheduled for the rest of the calendar year is for Monday, 30th November, after the AGM on Thursday, 26 November.

It was noted that speakers and topics for upcoming drinks nights on the first Thursday of each month were already being planned in advance for 2016, with another trivia night planned for February 2016 and apartment standards for March 2016.

14. Meeting Close

The meeting was declared closed at 7.34pm.

Confirmed as correct.

[signed]

Susan Saunders, Vice-President

Date: 26 October 2015