



**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 23, 2020**

**Present:** Glenn Engelmann, Susan Volman, Karol Stanley, Marcy Logan, Gabrielle Williams, Kerry Kemp, Lance Salonia (by phone)  
**Absent:** Jen Kane, Barry Karas, Charlie Ellis, Phil Carney,

*Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm*

**Approval of Minutes**

Kerry moved to accept the January 6, 2020 minutes. Susan seconded, all in favor.

**President's Report**

- Glenn met with Colleen Hawkinson from the Dupont BID, and she asked if Casa Ruby would be coordinating with Martha's Table on outreach to homeless individuals they would be doing as their grant work. Glenn said he would inquire when/if he sees Casa Ruby rep at DCCA's February membership meeting.
  - Hawkinson was interested in following the progress of DCCA's grants for homelessness outreach, DCCA will keep her updated in case there is a future opportunity for BID to get involved/collaborate on the efforts.
- Ampeer's request to have 31 of its 92 furnished, luxury apartment units at 15 Dupont Circle operate as daily/apartment/hotel units was supported by the ANC. The only change was an increase in the amount of money offered to the city's trust fund to support affordable housing (moved up from \$50k to \$~65k).
- At the January 2020 ANC meeting, the ANC effectively and without public notice or a vote on the matter terminated the ANC's Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee. The chair of the TPI Committee resigned and committee members' terms expired, and the ANC took no action to ensure the committee's continuity or to inform the community about this development. DCCA is concerned that transportation and public infrastructure issues often get jammed through ANC meetings without enough examination, and that eliminating the TPI Committee will exacerbate this problem.
  - DCCA Board discussed the matter and agreed that for the sake of more responsible handling of issues and more transparency, it is important that the TPI Committee be reconstituted.

***ACTION ITEM: Glenn will draft a letter to the ANC to express concern about the move to eliminate the TPI Committee. DCCA will include a copy of the letter in the February eBlast.***

**Treasurer's Report**

- The latest treasurer's report was circulated by Susan prior to meeting.
- DCCA needs to build and approve a budget for next year.

***ACTION ITEM: Susan will propose a budget for next year to be discussed at the February meeting.***

**Committee Reports and Business**

## **1. ABRA Matters: The Fireplace**

- Dumbarton Condo rep, a Dupont West president and another resident, and Captain from DC Metropolitan Police Department and officers (along with Glenn and Daniel Warwick) did a 45-minute walk through to point out areas of concern outside of the bar that need more patrolling/attention.
  - The involved parties are still sorting things out with Fireplace, work on a possible resolution is moving forward.
2. All other pending renewal notices are located in business district and require no work/attention from DCCA.

## **2020 Resolutions Party: Event Review**

- Party had strong turnout, good food, no coat closet but people were able to find a solution.
- Planners overestimated attendance which cost \$500 more – will try and be more conservative with estimates in the future.
- Sign up sheets yielded a few names interested in DCCA Board/House Tour activities.

***ACTION ITEMS:*** Glenn, Marcy and Karol will be following up with respective names.

## **Masonic Temple: Mayor's Agent Hearing**

- There will be a hearing early next month. Susan put together a good statement.
- Statement should be submitted prior to presentation -- Lance will review and send Susan any revisions.
- Statement will be changed to say that Lance or another DCCA Board member will be at the hearing (in case Lance cannot make the hearing date).

***ACTION ITEMS:***

- *Lance will review and comment this week.*
- *Susan and Glenn will work to file it next week.*
- *Lance will send relevant information/documentation with summary message to Erica for inclusion in eblast and website*

## **Comp Plan**

- Susan and Kerry submitted comments to Office of Planning and also sent them to the ANC Commissioners.
- The ANC comments are due on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- In the Spring/Summer there will be a larger fight in front of Council

## **Candidate Forum**

- Tom Sherwood agreed to moderate.
- Sherwood sent series of Do's and Don'ts for forum which Glenn shared with LCCA
- Glenn and LCCA will lay out issues they want addressed – and give Sherwood questions from LCCA/DCCA and a few from audience pre-submissions

*ACTION ITEMS:*

- *Glenn requested that all board members send questions*
- *Leading up to the event, an off-week eblast will be used to remind members to submit questions of interest.*
- *Erica will send Glenn information on c3 activity guidelines for public education forums.*

**Programming for Monthly Meetings**

1. **February:** MPD, Casey Trees, Casa Ruby
2. **March:** Elissa Silverman and DHS focusing on homelessness, and one other grant recipient will be invited
3. **April:** Charlie is working on Racine for that meeting
4. **May and June** still open

*ACTION ITEMS*

- *All board members to keep brainstorming on programming ideas*
- *Glenn will reach out to Mayor's office about speaking in May or June.*

**DCCA Board Nomination Process**

- Marcy, Kerry, and Gabby will lead (Marcy will chair) the nominating committee as board members who are not up for re-election. Lance will advise on rules/requirements as needed.
  - They need to put together a nomination committee which should include a non-board, DCCA member, although this is not required in the by-laws.
  - They need to ask if existing officers up for election will run again.

*ACTION ITEMS:*

- *Susan and Marcy will ask Debbie Drumheller if she would be interested in the nominating committee*
- *All nominations must be completed by April*

**Other Business**

1. **Pride Parade:** Phil signed DCCA up as tentative Pride Parade participant.
  - DCCA needs to be insured to meet new city requirements. Susan is working on it.
2. **Keegan Grant:** Grant request submitted for \$3,500. Board discusses the merit of the program, the free programming it helps support and the good standing relationship with Keegan and decides to support grant request in full.

***MOTION: Glenn moves to grant \$3,500 subject to Susan working out details of the MOU. Gabby seconded all in favor.***

***ACTION ITEM: Susan will work on the MOU and ask that DCCA's support be branded in Boiler Room series web materials.***

3. Other Grants: Susan checked in with Dan Adler who is on PTO at Francis Stevens and previously inquired about the grant process.
  - Adler said he will get back in touch with Susan after speaking to FSO and submit what's needed

4. **Social Media**

- Glenn wants to enhance DCCA's social media presence and assign alternate people to post in Jenn's absence but wants to ensure there is protocol on approved communications.
- Facebook – Karol has credentials and will update more often using eblast and other approved content
- Jenn holds the credentials for Instagram and Twitter

***ACTION ITEM: Glenn will talk to Gabby about a role with Twitter posting and circle back with Kerry after discussing***

5. **17th Street Study**

- No new updates since the last meeting.

6. **Comedy Performance**

- Tentative date is Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Karol shared idea of brainstorming on a members-exclusive feature (i.e., VIP seating first few rows for members, pre-post event cocktail or time with comedian, etc.)
- DCCA will need to be creative with promotion as Keegan will not be responsible/able to fill the theatre. When we get to a place of advertising/promo Karol will talk with Bill McCleod and Dupont Village to help promote.

***Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Resource Center.***