



Dupont Circle Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting Oct 22, 2020

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Glenn Engelmann, Susan Volman, Lance Salonia, Phil Carney, Charlie Ellis, Tom Reiter, Marcy Logan, Tim Norman, Nick Manning

Not Present: Susan Volman

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Charlie moved to approve the September 2020 minutes. Tim seconded the motion, all members in favor.

President's Report

- Kerry Kemp and Karol Stanley recently announced their individual resignations from the Board for personal reasons. The seats will need to be filled and the Board will work toward replacing in the month ahead. A few names were discussed (Rebecca Martin, Diane Quinn, Ed Hanlon) and the decision was to wait until after the ANC election to determine who may or may not be available to serve and continue to gather other names of interest.
- The ANC Forum was well received and gave the opportunity to see and hear from the candidates. We also achieved click traffic on the posted video. Suggestion was made to consider limiting future forums to competitive districts only.
- The Heurich House requested a garden event promotion and Glenn used that opportunity to inquire about the fulfillment of the \$15,000 DCCA grant to upgrade their garden, including a plaque for DCCA. Marcy suggested that Glenn talk with her about allowing DCCA to work on the Sonny Bono garden and determine if there is water.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.
- There are upcoming bills to be paid and therefore a need to pull more money from the account.

Marcy made a motion for Susan to move to cash for \$5,000 from Fidelity account. Lance seconded, all in favor.

ABRA Report

- **Fireplace Restaurant:** Was close to settlement before COVID. Fireplace has been closed since that time. ABRA scheduled hearing that has been continued until December. They are suggesting they may not be able to do the security enhancements but DCCA is not ready to change its position on the need for change.
- **Lounge:** Is located in "club central" on 18th Street near the Palladium. There was request for early alcohol hours and this is a problem area for many residents. For this reason, DCCA will meet with the Lounge to discuss the license.

- **Dupont Market, Marbi's and Hampton Inn:** Board did not find reason to pursue any follow up questions or protest.

ACTION ITEM: Glenn will ask Sidon Johannes, the lawyer for the lounge to attend the next meeting to discuss.

Comp Plan Comments

- Susan did a nice tutorial on the Comp plan to brief some Board Members. We will continue to review and make sure that Dupont-relevant changes were not made in the revised draft.

ACTION ITEM 1: Glenn will follow up with Lance and Susan about getting comments together. Glenn and Susan will testify in front of Council 11/12 and 11/13 via zoom.

Connecticut Deck Over

- The board had no issues with the Connecticut Deck Over plan and determined that there was no need for comments from DCCA.

Scooters

- The bill passed and will go to Mayor for signature. If she vetoes DCCA will have room to comment.

Programming

- **November-** Racine
- **December-** Christina Henderson, the new At-Large Council Member
- **January** – Resolution Party will be cancelled. We will replace with an online Social Hour
 - We may start the Homelessness Education programming

ACTION ITEM: Lance will connect with Steve Hansen to determine his availability for leading a January Social Hour discussion.

- Phillips Collection is interested in a social hour but requested an earlier start time. Glenn will stay in touch. Nick and Marcy suggested they focus on their Migration Series.
- **2021** – We need to begin to think about future programming

Other Business:

- **House Tour** – We need a new chair. Marcy and Erica will work together to wrap up the final write ups in months ahead.
- **Homelessness Committee:** Working to narrow down the session types for the education program. Nick and the committee are focusing strongly on make sure the sessions are unique and actionable.

*Next meeting, online Thursday December 3rd
Meeting ends at 8:14*