



**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 27, 2020**

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

*Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm*

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**President's Report**

- Randy from ANC sent an email to Glenn in response to DCCA's letter in opposition to the dissolution of the TPI. Glenn replied requesting a one-on-one conversation to discuss further. Randy acknowledged receipt but did not follow up with availability on time to talk.
- ANC put out a resolution in advance of its meeting that included their recommendation to amend the FLUM for Conn. Ave. north of the Circle to allow for higher density. This inclusion had not been mentioned to DCCA in advance of circulation of the draft resolution a week before the meeting. Board members objected to this portion of the resolution due to the lack of community engagement. This provision was ultimately struck from the resolution passed by the ANC.
- Comp Plan: ANC did add some of the DCCA suggested language re: sidewalks and affordable housing to their comp plan comments.

**Treasurer's Report**

- The latest treasurer's report was circulated by Susan prior to meeting.
- Proposed budget was also circulated.
- Last year we budgeted \$10,000 for regulatory work and spent \$7,000 – given outlook for year decision was made to reduce next year's budget to \$7,500
- Remainder of budget categories to stay at same level as 2019 budget plan.

**Committee Reports and Business**

**1. ABRA: The Fireplace**

- Parties are moving ahead toward settlement of a revised agreement that include additional security.

**2. ABRA: Mikko**

- Mikko wants to extend outdoor and indoor hours. DCCA determines there is no need to protest.

***ACTION ITEM:* Lance will suggest Mikko come to a membership meeting.**

## **Masonic Temple Hearing**

### **1. Susan wrote and Lance delivered comments from DCCA.**

- Testimony is in, all parties have 30-days to file findings of law (reiterate case) which Mayor's Agent should use as the basis of their decision. This will become part of the record for the appeal of this decision. To compile this legal document DCCA would need support from Doug Melcher to draft the findings of law and fact.
  - Glenn reached out to Doug (attorney) and estimated the work will be capped at \$2,000 cap. This work will be for a Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law document.
- On the Landmark issue DCCA offered to file a friend of court brief. That amicus filing will need to be decided on later in time, could cost up to \$5,000. No need to file until the merits of the case heard
- Ultimate goal would be setting precedent on sub division and historic preservation law which they are currently.

***MOTION: Kerry moves to budget \$2,000 for legal fees to cover Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law document, Lance seconded, all in favor.***

***ACTION ITEMS: Glenn will reach out to Doug for filing within the 30-day period.***

## **Candidates Forum**

- Forum is "sold out" for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, all 9 candidates agreed to attend.
- Capacity is 250 and we have 300 people signed up.
- Questions are not being shared openly in advance of the forum.
  - As discussed in previous board meetings, a group of LCCA and DCCA Board members worked together to formulate questions for the moderators. Topics to be covered include housing, historic preservation, zoning, transportation, education, LGBTQ, budget and fiscal health, vision.
  - Audience members can submit questions during the forum.
- There is a strong need for Board volunteers to help at the event.

***ACTION ITEMS: Susan, Marcy, Kerry and Erica will be onsite to help. Glenn will send an email to request volunteer support from board members who are not in attendance.***

## **Programming**

- February: Elissa Silverman At-Large CM, Larry COS from DHS, and Maria from the National Law Center of Homelessness
- Upcoming programming: Charlie is trying to get Racine lined up for April – if available Board will offer a preferred topic list for his presentation.
- Glenn has put feelers out for Mendelson and Bowser (May)
- Susan suggests Kathy Patterson, Auditor, as someone to consider in the future.

## **DCCA Board Nomination Update**

- Marcy, Kerry, and Gabby will lead (Marcy chair) make up the nominating committee as board members who are not up for re-election. Lance will advise on rules/requirements as needed.
  - Barry is retiring at end of his term
  - Gabby will need to resign early but timing is still flexible
- Susan spoke to Debbie Drumheller about being on committee. Happy to help but she warned that she won't be helpful in suggesting names for new board members as most of her network has moved.

***ACTION ITEM: Marcy is lead and has ideas for new members - she will be talking with Maria and she will follow up with Daniel Hernandez about joining DCCA board.***

**Grants**

- DCCA has a healthy reserve fund, and will think about new ways to offer potential grantees support in 2020.

**17<sup>th</sup> Street Study**

- Lance compiled an RFP but queries whether they can find a vendor who will take the project on.
- Vendor needs to be someone who works with DDOT as a contractor. Lance will look into acquiring a list of those vendors by asking DDOT and by searching the public record listing contractors.
- We will consider the possibility of having another DDOT meeting before moving forward to get more clarity on <what type of study would help to ask about their vendors for this project.

**Transportation**

- There is no TPI. Glenn asked Kerry and Susan to keep an eye out on transportation so that we can be proactive.
- Susan circulated her 16<sup>th</sup> Street parking restriction letter and Board agrees it should go into eblast and post on website

**Social Media**

- Karol is regularly updating the Facebook page
- Jenn is still handling Twitter – she will update it when asked

**Local Leadership / Board of Elections**

- Lucky Barbieri withdrew from ANC race and there will be a special election. Ed posted Board of Election info which will be included in eBlast and on website.
- Phil will work on ANC time deadlines and mission so that DCCA can provide more civic education information.
- Phil reports BOE sent out the wrong election date and will be sending a correction. Phil will draft a letter from DCCA to the BOE expressing dismay at this occurrence.

**DCCA Operations**

- Glenn recommends a \$2 increase to the DCCA Operation Manager hourly rate.

***MOTION: Kerry moves to approve hourly pay increase, Marcy seconds, all in favor.***

Meeting Adjourned 9:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>