



Dupont Circle Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting July 23, 2020

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

Not present: Nick Manning

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Conversation with Ward 2 Council Member Brooke Pinto

Ward Councilmember Brooke Pinto and her chief of staff, Genevieve Hulick, were present for the early part of the meeting. CM Pinto gave an update on the DC budget and reviewed her legislative priorities. She also listened to key DCCA concerns and answered questions from board members.

- Pinto's discussion areas included but were not limited to
 - Commitment to help the **small business community** to help them get back on their feet and provide for residents.
 - Examining **criminal justice reform**
 - Working on all aspects of **affordable housing** and **homelessness**
 - Overall **constituent services**
 - Updates on the **recent budget vote**
 - The Board expressed concern relative to DDOT processes and oversight raised by the 17th Street NOI, oversight of DCRA, historic preservation, affordable housing and homelessness/encampments.
- She also answered questions from members about the city's purchase of the Georgetown Day School building, McMillan Park, and taxes.
- Brooke's Chief of Staff shared her contact information with the group:
ghulick@dccouncil.us 202-262-1982

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- Tom Sherwood, a political commentator who moderated our last forum with radio host Kojo Nnamdi sent a request to the DCCA and Logan Circle Community Association asking if we would like to hold a Ward 2 forum in advance of the general. The board decided to hold off on making a decision at this time.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.

- She noted there is an outstanding check for \$300 that was not reported. Therefore the operating balance needs to be adjusted accordingly (approx. \$3,400).
- Ongoing monthly expenditures are \$100-\$200 a month for subscriptions.

17th Street NOI (bike lane)

- Principles were sent out to members and Glenn shared key correspondence from members with the board
- Member feedback was described as good overall with a few minor suggestions.
- Glenn asked Susan to turn those principals to a draft sent of comments which we will circulate to the board before submitting.

ACTION ITEM: Susan will draft comments and circulate with an eye toward highlighting procedural failings for recipients

Riggs

- Lance had with homeowners on Riggs Street NW relative to a dispute with a developer concerning the renovation of a home on that street.
- Several neighbors have requested that the Office of the Attorney General open an investigation into multiple historic preservation and DCRA issues allegedly raised by the project
- Prior to the meeting a letter and information was circulated to the board about the issue at hand.
- While DCCA does not typically get involved in simple disputes between neighbors, this matter may raise historic preservation and regulatory issues of concern to our members more generally.

MOTION: Kerry moved that that DCCA should submit its own letter of support for an investigation. Charlie seconded and all in favor

Programming

- **September:** No meeting due to Labor Day holiday but DCCA will consider a potential ANC candidate forum mid-month.
- **October:** Cong. Eleanor Holmes Norton is tentative for October (but may be pushed to Dec). Decision was made to also invite Councilmember Pinto to speak to members.
- **November:** Attorney General Karl Racine is confirmed.
- **December:** The November elected at-large member may be invited and/or Norton may move to December.
- Susan may ask Keegan if they want to present in future.
- Charlie has placed a call into the Women's Democratic Club to determine if they are working on any programming for the at-large race. He is waiting to hear back from them.
- Susan contacted Jen at the International Student House to ask for flexibility in booking the room for future membership meetings.

Other Business:

House Tour:

- Karol has been in touch with Elxel, the vendor that manages and hosts the House Tour site and ticketing. She was given an estimate to design the online tour and the bid for \$8,500 which was higher than anticipated.
- The next house tour meeting is Monday, July 27th.

ACTION ITEMS: Karol will follow up with Tim, who will join the next House Tour meeting, about other web design vendor bids and will continue the conversation with Elxel about options.

Homelessness Committee:

- Glenn reports that the committee formed to address homelessness has had a number of people sign up. Nick is actively working to get it organized.

DC Preservation League:

- The board discussed a draft letter the DC Preservation League plans to send to the Zoning Commission regarding proposed zoning amendments. It appears like OP is trying to push through innocuous changes. Which in fact would under historic preservation principles.

MOTION: Tim moved to supporting DCCA writing a letter to support the DC historic preservation league's letter to the zoning commission on ZC19-21. Charlie seconds and all in favor

*Next meeting, online Thursday August 27^h
Meeting ends at 8:49 p.m.*