



Dupont Circle Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting September 24, 2020

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- ANC passed the resolution, as DCCA suggested, asking Mayor to continue with Streateries and extended sidewalks. State of Emergency has been extended until December.
- DDOT's public space committee okayed the plan for triangle park on P Street. It will as requested, have one statue and is being moved for approval.
- The Ward 2 Candidates forum proposed by Tom Sherwood is no longer an option (Sherwood and Kojo Nmandi no longer have time/interest).
- DCCA will not be hosting the BOE candidates at a membership meeting but Susan suggested offering up information on the candidates. If an easy complete information resource on candidates is identified it will be posted in an eblast.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.
- No major changes to the account or the operating balance.
- Susan asked that the movement of funds to cash be approved in advance of anticipated spending to facilitate smooth spending.

ANC Candidates Forum

- All candidates said they plan to participate.
- Cameron Powell has withdrawn from the race.
- We will need a timer to limit candidate response time. Kerry volunteered to help keep time and use a bell system.

***ACTION ITEM:** Kerry, Glenn and Erica will join a practice session on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.*

Comp Plan Comments

- One of two items are moving in front of DC Council is the Comp Plan. Susan reviewed updated materials and has found it difficult to quickly determine if the new materials have been revised. The materials need a more detailed review to determine if changes were made. The Plan and other information about the review process was circulated to Board members by Susan and Kerry in advance of the meeting.
 - Kerry points on the need to take care with reading the contents and language, and points to concerns with key areas.
 - Glenn suggests and others agree that the Board needs to review some key sections to make sure none of the earlier proposed changes were slid back into place with the revised plan.

ACTION ITEM 1: Nick and Tim asked Susan if she could do a follow up call with them to give an overview of the Comp Plan 101. Tom and others may join.

ACTION ITEM 2: Create a subcommittee to work on the Comp Plan but the first order of business is to determine if the current version is the same as what was submitted in spring.

- *The DC Grassroots Planning Coalition Housing Justice Priorities* sent along materials and again asked for our endorsement. Susan circulated that two-page document to the Board via email.

ACTION ITEM: Boardmembers will review and Board will make a decision as to whether DCCA will endorse their position document, at the October meeting.

Scooter Bill

- The second of two items moving in front of DC Council is the Scooter Bill. It passed committee. It's coming before Council but it's not yet scheduled for vote.

ACTION ITEM: Boardmembers will independently review the materials Susan passed around for future discussion.

Programming

- **October**-Congresswoman Norton and Councilmember Pinto
- **November**- Racine
- **December**- New At-Large CM?
- **January Meeting** – holiday cards will go out online and on paper and possibly a January Resolutions card.
- **Next Social Hour** – last one was well attended. Glenn is reaching out to Phillips and will be following up after the gala. Steven Hansen Dupont History

Other Business:

- **House Tour** - Karol updates on the plan to expand from a single day tour and instead feature the home write-ups, created by the HT committee, as a monthly ongoing series on Dupont Circle History. The monthly feature will be distributed via eblast and put on one of the website pages. This approach was determined to be a better way to offer up a house tour and a way to keep the

conversation going all year. It also helps alleviate some of the big challenges being encountered in building the website. A fundraising letter will be sent out to past donors asking them to help support what we do.

Homelessness Committee:

- The committee will meet again next Thursday to hear back from its subgroups on what the program might look like. This meeting will also help determine if the subcommittee has the appetite/ability to carry it out.
- Nick is also working with Kate Coventry on the issue of the fiscal impact related to homelessness, including the costs/benefits of the different approaches to dealing with it.

*Next meeting, online Thursday October 22
Meeting ends at 8:32*