



**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Jan 28, 2021**

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

Not Present: n/a

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- DCCA Board Opening - because the by-laws allow and because we don't have a current candidate to fill the seat, it was decided that we will wait to fill the vacant Secretary position at the upcoming election.
- Membership Renewals currently at 70% - Glenn will talk to Nick about homelessness committee members that need to renew along with any Board members.
- Glenn has been reaching out to MPD along with CM Brooke Pinto and AG Karl Racine to thank them for their service during the Capitol event and action taken on some of the hate crimes that have occurred. He also encouraged their continued action and vigilance in days to come. Same encouragement about vigilance and awareness was shared with the ANC.
- Prior to Mayor's request to extend streateries, Aaron Landry's newsletter indicated that DDOT would be proceeding with bike lane (excluding the 2 blocks of 17th street between P&R Sts.). Board agrees it's a good time to reassert DCCA position on the bike lane.

ACTION ITEM: Susan will determine who the DDOT recipient should be for bike lane letter, Glenn will draft and circulate a letter urging DDOT to wait. Letter will then be shared with DDOT and ANC.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.
- Susan will work on budget for 2021 and send around for consideration at the February Board meeting.
- Susan's ANC update: Officers were elected. They are creating committees including a new version of TPI "the mobility committee" – Mo Pasternak (2B04 Commissioner) will chair the committee and indicated that it will deal with public transit, pedestrians and parking.
- Keegan sent a grant application requesting \$3,500 in funding for their boiler room series.

MOTION: Nick presents motion to approve the grant request. Tim seconds the motion. All in favor and none oppose.

ABRA Report

- **Lounge Bar 1212 18th St NW:** DCCA filed a protest and worked with Mike Silverstein to sign an agreement that the Lounge Bar will adhere to same trash and noise mitigation rules as previous license holder.
- **Fireplace:** Action deferred until reopening.
- **Heist:** Wants to replace booth tables with 14 gambling devices. The majority voted not to contest.
- **Widget Wine:** Discussed: No issues to contest.
- **Mi Casa:** Discussed: No issues to contest.
- **Signature Lounge:** Discussed: No issues to contest.

Order of the Eastern Star

- Letter asked for DCCA's support for their property tax exemption.

MOTION: Marcy moves to support for the exemption, Lance seconds, all in favor.

ACTION: Susan will find DCCA's support letter for the Penn Women's request for a tax abatement.

Programming

- Feb: DC Auditor, Kathy Patterson, ANC Commissioners Mo and Kyle will be featured in Feb and Joe Florio, Ward 2 Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, will introduce himself at the end of the meeting.
- March: **TBD** Meg and Will from the ANC.
- April: **TBD** Robin Nunn / possibly Daniel Warwick?
- May: Brooke Pinto
- Ideas for speakers – Casey Trees in April with change of season; police,
- Ideas for social hours – Feb/March will be homelessness committees, Birding social hour, Huerich House
- **BREAKING:** Volman spotted the Great Falls Painted Bunting. 🦜

ACTION ITEM: Glenn will talk to Charlie about March and April. He will also ask Charlie for contact information for Monday's speaker.

Honorary membership

- Stephen Hansen, author of Dupont History book, to be named an honorary member

ACTION ITEM: Lance to draft letter, Susan will set up on letterhead and signature

Homelessness Committee Program

- Series of six **Discussion Sessions** will be presented. Program will run from 2/6 – 3/25 (skipping the week of board meeting)
- Goal is to have better informed neighborhood about the problem of homelessness in Dupont and to look ahead to policy discussions and positions that support solutions.

2/11/2021	Topic 1: COVID-Related Effects & Responses.	Kerry K
2/18/2021	Topic 2: Root causes of homelessness in the Dupont neighborhood and in DC	Robin N.
3/4/2021	Topic 3: Deep dive into the medical, mental health, and substance abuse needs	Diane
3/25/2021	NO SESSION	(DC BOARD MEETING)
3/11/2021	Topic 4: Current examples of supportive and temporary housing in DC	Joanne
3/18/2021	Topic 5: Getting DC to change direction.	Tim and Glenn
3/25/2021	Topic 6: Special Cases: Women and LBGTQ persons	Nick

ACTION ITEM: Nick will have a write up for member sign up and eblast. Erica will set up an ongoing webinar series and work with Nick on logistics/Zoom training for evening she cannot attend.

Other Business:

- **5G** – Verizon is seeking to put up 5G towers and there is concern about the aesthetics and the early installation (before approval)

ACTION ITEM: Lance will talk with the Committee of 100, who are writing a letter in opposition for more information.

- **House Tour** –
 - Marcy spoke to someone named Kimmy at Kiplinger Research Library to learn how to research individual homes remotely. She will update when she gets more info
 - We need a House Tour chair – Glenn will talk to Marcy offline

*Next meeting, Feb25
Meeting ends at 8:34*