

Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 22, 2021

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Marcy Logan, Britt Bepler, Nick Manning, Rebecca Martin, Lance Salonia, Joe Caruso (partial time), Diane Quinn, Kenlee Ray

Not Present: Charlie Ellis, Glenn Engelmann, Tom Reiter, Phil Carney

Meeting was called to order at 7:11

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Susan moved to approve the June 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded, all in favor.

President's Report

- Susan gave a brief President's report on her activities recovering a piece of a broken historic callbox. She had also been working on 17th Street issues, which were discussed later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Lance distributed the treasurer's report and summary prior to the meeting and reported on the highlights of recent transactions.

ABRA Report

- Kenlee and Susan reported that Butter Me Up was not presented at the July ANC meeting
- *Signature Lounge: Susan reported that there had been a full 6-hour hearing on this application. ABRA has not issued a finding.*
- *Fireplace:* Glenn will be in a meeting on this on Friday.
- *Butter Me Up:* SDCA and representatives from Butter Me Up joined the meeting via video conference so the lawyer, Richard Bianco, and owner, Andre McCain could present their ABRA application to both groups.

ACTION ITEM: Susan moves to protest on the basis of peace, order, and quiet because their request for maximum outdoor hours were outside the ANC policy standard. Rebecca seconds the motion, all in favor.

Homelessness Committee: Nick Manning, Chair Report

- Nick will be reconvening the committee and discuss the monitoring of the new policy and budget developments related to homelessness, and larger discussion on shelters and street clearing.

ACTION ITEM: Nick and Joanne will talk and committee will discuss what type of speaker might be helpful to have at a membership meeting to allow for an open and direct discussion with members.

Transportation Committee

- **17th Street Bike Plan:** As Transportation Chair Susan shared an update of the current situation and the varied reactions to the new 17th Street configuration and her recent statement at the ANC meeting about the flawed process.
 - At an ANC mobility committee meeting Susan proposed that the ANC enter into an agreement with the ANC that will make formal a periodically scheduled check-in with DDOT to assess the project to review the implementation and share updates and neighborhood observations on any persistently flagged issue. Mobility committee seemed receptive and the hope is that the ANC will adopt it.
 - Susan recommended that DCCA should also write its own letter to DDOT about concerns and their support for a plan to monitor, assess and communicate.
- Board has mixed views on the problem/solution for the configuration but agree that the process was flawed.
- Board discusses additional measures to request alongside monitoring: 1) speedbumps by Safeway to slow traffic 2) Dedicated disabled parking spaces 3) A period of dedicated ticketing/enforcement activity by DPW to help educate and inform on changed layout 4) A period of dedicated ticketing/enforcement activity for bicycle infractions to educate and inform.
- Lance states that he wants to “make public” [a previously distributed DCCA] letter to DDOT about the 2020 NOI having a flawed vetting process and the community being denied an opportunity to fully participate in the process as the law guarantees.

MOTION: Nick makes a motion on drafting a statement about a monitoring and feedback program, and incorporating the four additional elements discussed. Rebecca seconds the motion passes with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.

Susan moves that a letter from DCCA be sent to DDOT with request for monitoring program with the ANC (ANC will provide accountability) to allow for sharing community observations and keeping DDOT informed alongside a request for the four additional measures.

Action Item: Susan will draft a letter and circulate for board member review and input

Programming – Ideas for Next Year

- October – Mendelson

New Ideas:

- Board is seeking to learn more about the business development on Connecticut Ave. – there is interest in starting by having a discussion with BID and HDCMS to learn more about their members' viewpoints on Connecticut Avenue.
 - Board also discusses later inviting Colleen Hawkinson (BID) and Bill McLeod (HDCMS) to join a membership meeting sometime after October

ACTION ITEM: Marcy and Susan will seek to set up a meeting. Joe and Tom (not present at time of discussion) will be asked if they are interested in attending the meeting.

- Ideas for future meeting topics including CT Ave and Homelessness, will be discussed further.

Committee and Task Assignments:

- House Tour Committee needs to meet re: House Tour and should also expand the discussion to other fundraising opportunities.

ACTION ITEM: Susan will call a house tour committee meeting.

Other Business

- Next meeting is August 26 (to be confirmed based on need)
- Board may Return to in-person board meetings after summer
- Membership meetings will return to in person in October (pending any change with COVID)

Next meeting: August 26

Meeting ends at 8:41 p.m.