

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2022**

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Rebecca Martin, Marcy Logan, Nick Manning, Lance Salonia, Charlie Ellis, Joe Caruso, Tom Reiter

Not present: Patty Zweibel, Justin Thornton, Diane Quinn

Meeting was called to order at 7:06

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: *Marcy moved to approve the October Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Rebecca, all in favor.*

President's Report

Susan updated the group on a range of meetings including the Federation of Civic Associations meeting online where bike lane issues were raised - that group expressed interest in learning more about other neighborhood committees' efforts. She also noted that DC Council's oversight committee meetings will start in January – she intends to look at the schedule to see if there are relevant items for DCCA attention (transportation, etc.). Susan also attended a briefing of the ANC Mobility Committee and Land Use Committee by the DDOT project team for the Connecticut Avenue Deckover, to provide an update on process and build timeline and traffic rerouting (not design). The information will soon be publicly released.

Treasurer's Report

Lance sent the Treasurer's report before the meeting. Monthly expenses came in at budget amount including wages, membership meeting expenses, accounting fees and gardening. Lance also mentioned that DCCA would be looking for a new local accountant.

ACTION ITEM: **Lance and Susan will pursue Marcy's accountant recommendation and talk to him about taking on DCCA's accounting.**

The board discussed upcoming expenses between now mid-January and determined more funding was needed.

MOTION: **Rebecca moved to authorize Lance to move \$7,200 to the operating account as needed, Charlie seconded the motion, all in favor.**

Social Activities, Campaigns, Fund-Raising Ideas

Happy Hours: Justin is continuing the talks and Nick has connected with him for support. The plan was to arrange a plan with Commodore for an open Happy Hour welcoming members and non-members with a drink special.

ACTION ITEM: Joe, Justin, Nick will develop a plan for the Happy Hour including whether to include comp'd drinks for members.

Streatery Contest: Nick updated the Board on the Streatery Award panel and process. The winner, Annie's was announced and Susan will award them with a certificate and the Eaton Hotel prize on site at a Happy Hour. The Board thanked Nick for pulling the entire thing together.

100th Anniversary Brochure: Susan has been bringing people together to contribute information to brochure and Daniel, who will be writing content, will be able to start in 2023 with aim to have it finished in Spring

Shredding event: Susan has reached out to various shredding companies for pricing and logistics information for a spring event. The Village would like to partner and share costs with DCCA on the event. Next steps are getting a location reserved for a 2ish hour event – Susan will talk to Diane Quinn about the possibility of using St. Luke's parking lot. The cost will be roughly \$250-300 per hour.

Quarterly Photo: Nick suggested a quarterly photo contest in the e-blast. Announce a Dupont theme and select a winner that we will share via eblast, web, etc.

Deckover: Nick suggested DCCA get involved now with Deckover's 2024 completion launch so DCCA can play a role, support the Dupont revival, make brand impression, and have general presence. Many board members agree it would be beneficial to act early on this idea.

ANC Mobility Committee: At the end of her term, Susan will no longer be serving on the committee and suggested other Board members consider serving.

GRANT REQUESTS

The Board discussed the submitted grant applications for 2024. Susan sent the grant applications to board members prior to the meeting and at the meeting briefed the board on the budget for grants.

Keegan: Sent an application for annual support of the Boiler Room series programming which offers community outreach. Board discusses and agrees the program is a good idea and helps support the DCCA community.

Some members don't want to grant money to support neighborhood programs unless it is written in that DCCA is getting something in return separate from the reasons the money is being granted. Consequently, it was decided that as a condition of the grant, DCCA must be assigned use of Keegan for meeting space twice a year.

MOTION: Marcy moved to grant Keegan the requested amount, Rebecca seconded, all in favor.

WNDC Foundation: A \$750 grant request was discussed to support a formal, regularly occurring program which would be developed based on their walking tour that celebrates prominent women in Dupont Circle. After much discussion the board determines it's a program worth supporting.

MOTION: Charlie moved to grant the request funds to WNDC. Rebecca seconded and all are in favor.

Spooky Action Theatre: The board discussed the \$750 grant to support two event performances in February which would include a neighborhood Toast Bar for the audience.

MOTION: Charlie moved to grant the request funds to Spooky Action Theatre. Marcy seconded and all are in favor.

ACTION ITEM: Susan will work on the MOUs. Susan reported Patty will be willing to take over grant tasks in the future.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

- **February:** Susan has confirmed people from the OAG's zoning office (which is a separate new office under the AG that is dealing with zoning but is separate from the zoning office. Susan suggested a February members-only zoom meeting to encourage the lagging renewal and to accommodate weather/covid and flu concerns that may crop up in February. The Board agreed to a virtual zoom for February.

Parks and Gardens: Rebecca said there was no update on our permitting application. Planting for spring is complete.

Regulatory:

- While outside the DCCA boundary, Susan updated the Board on the Reeves Center mixed use, equity-focused plans which include affordable and retail components. The RFI was re-released and the plan is to tear down the old building.
- No update on the police station building.
- The new Streatery regulations will be coming out in the spring for public comment.

DDOT/Park Fence: Tom reported that DDOT will not pay for the vehicle-damaged fence in the pocket park.

ACTION ITEM: Tom will follow up with Susan on next steps.

Holiday Cards: Marcy is working on design, Susan is conferring, and Rebecca offered to help the with stuffing and addressing.

Meeting closed: 8:5

Next Board Meeting will be – *Thursday January 26th at 7:00 p.m.*