



Dupont Circle Citizens Association Board of Directors Meeting Dec 3, 2020

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

Not Present: n/a

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- ANC: Elections brought some changes to ANC we are hopeful for the future.
- CT Ave Deck Over: BID's main comment was that they wanted less trees so Glenn asked them to be cautious and consider upside of tree cover; Dupont Main Streets had some objections to at least part of the proposed bike lane on Connecticut Avenue.
- Heurich House: Glenn reached out to them regarding the Sonny Bono garden to offer support for help with the garden. Heurich House contact said they are open to it but wants some coordination and advanced notice on what is done.
 - Susan points out that they have a contract/agreement with the city.
 - Phil and Marcy will follow up and work the coordination with Heurich house.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.

ABRA Report

- **Lounge Bar 1212 18th St NW:** Is located near Shake Shack, above Chase Bank – the original space of 18th Street Lounge (ESL). Layout and capacity of new venue is expected to be similar to ESL. Bou Bilal (owner) and his lawyer Sidon Yohannes attended the zoom to discuss the license request. They say they are seeking the similar hours and license that ESL was operating under. Petition date is 12/21.
 - DCCA member Kenlee Ray joined the discussion and will be helping DCCA on future ABRA issues and hearings.
 - Board discussed license and potential changes and decided to protest to ensure sound details are established in the settlement agreement around sound issue for summer garden and extended closing hours.

ACTION ITEM: Glenn will let Sidon know of DCCA's decision. He will also ask why the license didn't transfer and gather requested material from her (ESL's old license and information on the

sound consultant's recommendations and plans). Glenn will also keep Kenlee updated on communications.

MOTION: Susan moves to file a protest Marcy seconds and all are in favor, after we hear ANC's decision with language around sound management and to maintain the same hours as ESL.

Masonic Temple – Decision of Mayor's Agent

- Not surprisingly, the Mayor's Agent upheld the decision on the subdivision.
- Board discussed the possibility of DCCA appealing the Mayor's Agent Decision and decided against an appeal.

New Board Members

- Two vacancies exist – bylaws allow president to appoint replacement. Board discussed possible candidates to approach for Board membership and decided to invite Rebecca Martin and Dianne Quinn to join.

ACTION ITEM: Marcy will reach out to Rebecca Martin about joining the DCCA Board and if interested will connect her with Glenn for further discussion and Susan will reach out to Dianne Quinn.

Comp Plan

- Glenn testified at DC Council hearing meeting and Susan testified at the meeting Brooke Pinto held for Ward 2. Based on those meetings and discussions it does not appear there will be significant changes to the Comp Plan. Still waiting to hear if the wording changes DCCA and others suggested will be adopted.

Programming

- **December**- Christina Henderson 12/7 @7:30
- **December** – Phillips Collection Social Hour on 12/14 @5:00
- **January** –Steve Hansen will do a historical architecture social hour 1/11 @7:30
- **2021** – Need ideas for 2021 line up.

ACTION ITEM: Charlie will start to brainstorm on 2021 line up and Glenn will ask CM Brooke Pinto to do the annual Ward 2 round up at the May meeting.

Other Business:

- **House Tour**- New Chairperson is needed for 2021 planning

ACTION ITEM: Glenn will reach out to House Tour Committee to announce Karol's departure.

- **Homelessness Committee:** 6 topics and program with 6 weekly sessions will be launched sometime soon (likely 2/11).

ACTION ITEM: Glenn will follow up with Erica to clarify on a request for a YouTube account and a question about zoom.

- **Holiday Card** – Phil, Marcy and Robin are working to select an image and send a card design to the printer. They will work together to send out the cards.
 - List of recipients = all current/active members + existing and new ANC commissioners, Brooke Pinto, Phil Mendelson, Elissa Silvermen, Anita Bonds, Christina Henderson and Robert White (members at large).

ACTION ITEM:

Marcy and Phil will finalize card design and order cards and talk to Susan about approach to addressing and posting envelopes.

Erica will send members residential address list to Susan and Marcy. Erica does not have address of elected officials – can send you emails or look up office address in their footers if instructed.

*Next meeting, NOT DISCUSSED BUT SCHEDULE FOR online JANUARY 28th.
Meeting ends at 9:06*