



**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 21, 2020**

Present: (via videoconference) Glenn Engelmann, Susan Volman, Karol Stanley, Marcy Logan, Kerry Kemp, Lance Salonia, Phil Carney, Gabrielle Williams, Charlie Ellis
Absent: Jen Kane, Barry Karas,

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm

Approval of Minutes

Kerry moved to approve the March 26, 2020 minutes. Lance seconded the motion, all members in favor.

President's Report

- **Masonic Temple** The filing before Mayors Agent was made on time. Doug completed the work with support from Lance and Susan. Nick also filed, as did Michael Hays, and the developer filed their pleadings. Timeline from here is unknown – there is no set time limit for review.
- **Candidates Forum** answers to Forum questions were posted online www.dupont-circle.org/questionnaire and the link was promoted in the eblast, on the homepage, facebook page and through LCCA

Treasurer's Report

- Stock market has gone up a bit; Susan distributed the report prior to the meeting.
- Keegan is sending a grant report for the 2019 grant spending, after we receive it Susan will move forward with the 2020 MOU.
- Bill McLeod mentioned to Susan that Pride Parade may be rescheduled for fall – Susan will work with insurance company to see if a date change is possible.
- Barry via email and Glenn at meeting raised the idea of making a significant donation to a local cause to help with COVID19. Groups like food banks, Miriam's kitchen etc., restaurant worker relief funds, etc. were discussed as possible options. It was determined that further discussion was needed about which organization to support and board members will look into options and worthy causes with neighborhood links. This could? Will? Include a talk with Bill McLeod or the BID to learn more about what programs are out there to help local business and their staff.
- The board discussed and gave Susan authorization to withdraw up to \$15,000 on a market up-day so that DCCA has cash on hand.

MOTION: *Kerry moved to give Susan the authorization to withdraw at her discretion, up to \$15k , Marcy seconded the motion, all were in favor.*

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Susan will check bylaws to make sure there are no limitations to our charitable giving.*
- *All Board members will offer up ideas on potential giving recipient*
- *Erica will again promote the DCCA Giving list on the eBlast. <https://dupont-circle.org/Giving>*

Committee Reports and Business

1. **ABRA:** Most issues/items have been pushed off during COVID shutdown
 - Glenn worked with lawyers for **Dragon Ascent** on the side letter outlining limits to the number/location of gaming tables now and in future if license transfers. Letter was sent/edited but the owner of F&H/Trios had not been responsive to DCCA or Dragon's Ascent.
 - **Fireplace.** Currently on hold – no word from the parties. Glenn has been in touch with Warwick and the lawyer from AG's office who is prosecuting the security infraction that occurred during stabbing event. He will continue to stay in touch/monitor.
 - All other **ABRA** matters are currently on hold.
2. **Board Nominations:** DCCA currently has one opening – Barry's position. Gabby's position will be open this summer (likely a July resignation). Jen's position will need replacement down the line.
 - Marcy presented two potential Board Members: Tim Norman and Tom Ryder, both Swann Street residents. Resumes and bios were circulated to the Board in advance and Glenn talked to them.
 - Glenn suggests bringing Tom in now to fill Barry's position. Board agreed.
 - For efficiency in voting/ease in offering slate to membership, the option of appointing Tim into Gabby's position early (May), was discussed. Glenn will explore the option and determine if Tim is truly interested/engaged at this time. If not, DCCA will wait until July to appoint someone to finish Gabby's term.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***Marcy and Glenn** will try to pin down Tim and Tom and if they are locked in we will send out the slate in advance of May meeting and do a May vote. Otherwise we can explore other options and push the vote until June.*
- ***Marcy and Glenn** will make sure that Tim/Tom join DCCA so that they meet membership criteria.*
- ***Marcy** will have to present the slate at the May meeting – she will look into how to present the information, **Lance** will provide help, if needed.*
 - ***Marcy** will send the board the final slate/language to be presented at the membership meeting.*

3. Programming

May:

- Phil Mendelsen confirmed
 - Topics for discussion were circulated internally and shared with his team
- Marcy will present slate
- Set up as a Zoom Webinar – we are limited seats so we are keeping it to members only
 - Host and panelists will be center screen
 - Audience will be forcibly muted
 - Handraise or Chat for Q&A

ACTION ITEMS:

- ***Gabby and Erica** will test out zoom webinar features and update Glenn*
- *Once webinar is set and decision made on Board vote, **Erica** will send members a webinar registration and agenda announcement.*

June:

- Mary Cheh is scheduled for June but that needs confirmation.

- Charlie contacted AG's office – available in May, June or a special meeting at another date and/or Fall.
 - Decision was made to keep to one major speaker for a videoconference. Since June is booked we will offer them October as a lead off meeting – Charlie will talk with them.

ACTION ITEM:

- *Glenn needs to reconfirm Mary Cheh*
- *Charlie will reach out to AG's office about an **October** presentation*

Other Business

- **House Tour:** House Tour committee tasked with looking into an alternative fundraising ideas in lieu of a 2020 Tour.
 - Marcy suggests a collectors item House Tour book
- **17th Street Study:** Lance, Kerry, Susan, Glenn and DDOT member Kimberly (point of contact) and Anna Chamberlin. DDOT offered feedback/comments on the RFQ.
 - Lance suggests that the DCCA internal team have another meeting internal to talk through editing the RFQ.
 - Glenn expresses some concerns about timing – COVID will push back capital expenditures and DCCA should factor that into next steps and possibilities.
- **Calendar Invite**
 - Erica and Marcy are trying to resolve the mysterious board meeting invite and permanently delete the item.

ACTION ITEM: *Once the new Board members are established Erica will send a reoccurring calendar invite from the info@dupont-circle master calendar for future board meetings.*

Meeting Adjourned (I forgot to note the time!)