

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 27, 2023**

**Present:** (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Joe Caruso, Charlie Ellis, Glenn Engelmann, Marcy Logan, Diane Quinn, Tom Reiter, Lance Salonia, Patty Zweibel

Not present: Nick Manning, Rebecca Martin, Justin Thornton

*Meeting was called to order at 7:04*

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Susan moved to approve the March Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Diane, all in favor.*

**President's Report**

Susan reported that DCCA had a successful happy hour at Certo! on March 29, with approximately 45 attendees; she assisted Lance in assembling the testimony submitted for the hearing on the landmark status of the Masonic Temple, which was presented by Lance; DCCA had a membership meeting on April 3; and on March 30 ANC 2B held a special meeting on the West Dupont nightclub moratorium, which she attended online..

In addition, Marcy, Susan and Lance attended an ANC 1B meeting on 1617 U St NW.

Susan asked Erica to stay on with DCCA as our executive director.

Susan said she plans to meet with all the new ANC 2B commissioners. She has already met China Dickerson and has set up meetings with Patricia Bencivenga and Z Stein.

Susan said she is finalizing plans for printing and distributing DCCA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure. She and Marcy will discuss potential sponsorship ads.

She asked if anyone had anything else to report regarding meetings attended. Patty said that she attended the DC Federation of Civic Associations meeting, and that the Federation asked all members to commit to contributing to the October luncheon at the same level as last year. Last year DCCA bought 3 tickets, and we agreed to do so again.

**Action items:** *Susan and Marcy to discuss sponsorship ads for DCCA 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure. Susan to investigate printing and distribution costs.*

**ABRA**

Rosemarino D'Italia: Glenn said there isn't any news to report. There have been no discussions for settlement, and he doesn't expect any. The hearing is May 24.

Barcode: Joe said the hearing is on May 3. There has been no settlement, but the parties can settle anytime before the hearing. He said he thinks the parties should be able to work out a settlement. One issue is we do not want the expansion space to be used for overflow for the existing bar, and they would like Barcode to commit to this in writing. Barcode has orally represented the expansion is only for private events. Barcode has also conceded not to add more outside occupancy in front of the expansion space. The Group of 5 had hired an investigator for the noise, and the results were within normal noise limits, but Joe said he's not sure this will last.

Krave: Susan said Krave is a new establishment on Connecticut Ave NW. We should invite them to the June board meeting. She talked to Meg Roggensack (commissioner for SMD 2B01) a little about it, and the people who have been involved in Rosemarino are getting involved, too. Susan will go to the ANC 2B meeting where Krave will be discussed, and Glenn recommended that DCCA stay involved. This will be a long term issue that goes along Connecticut Ave, and DCCA should stay vigilant and proactively work with impacted members and neighbors. Glenn noted that new clubs are following the Signature Lounge model. Glenn suggested putting this on Brooke Pinto's agenda, given ABRA seems to be taking a rather permissive view. Susan agreed, and made a note to ask Brooke.

***Action item: Susan to invite representatives from Krave to the next board meeting.***

West Dupont nightclub moratorium: Susan said ANC 2B had a special meeting on March 30 to request a 90-day extension from ABRA for the moratorium, but Meg said they haven't yet been notified whether they received the extension. No decision was made at the special meeting, because several ANC 2B commissioners said they hadn't had time to ask their constituents about it, and that everyone in ANC 2B (not just those in the SMDs within the moratorium zone) should weigh in on it. Susan said she thought the ANC should follow their usual procedures and that the SMDs within or near the moratorium zone should have the most say. Likewise, for DCCA to take a position, we should ask our members in the zone. Thus, she and Patty are in the process of doing so.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lance sent the report around before the meeting. Lance reported that the investment account has around the same balance as the prior month, a little over \$300K. We are committing for another year with Intentional Accounting to prepare the tax return.

### **Social Activities, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure, Other activities**

Susan said that DCCA member Gerry Schwinn volunteers at the DC History Center, which currently has an exhibit on DC home rule. He suggested we do a DCCA event there. It could be a summertime event.

***Action item: Susan may take a look at the exhibit and contact the History Center about an event.***

**Parks and Gardens:** Marcy reported that the irrigation system in the T St Park is up and running beautifully. She asked for a status report on the gardening budget. Susan responded that the total budget is \$1700, of which around \$500 has been spent.

**Nominating Committee:** Susan reported (for Rebecca) that the nomination slate is finalized for the Membership meeting on May 1 and was sent to the board with the agenda.

**Upcoming member meetings:** The May 1st member meeting is at International Student House. The order will be Brooke Pinto first, then members will vote on the board, and then Susan will give the annual report. The board discussed meeting logistics (e.g., refreshments, set-up).

Susan said DCCA does not have a venue for the June meeting, and asked Charlie to see if the Chastleton is available. He said he will. For the program, we wanted to invite DC Auditor Kathy Patterson. She is not available, but the auditor's office team who worked on the Vision Zero report are available for June 5<sup>th</sup>, and may be invited, or we may wait to invite Patterson in the fall.

*Action item: Charlie to check on Chastleton availability for June meeting.*

**Regulatory:** 1617 U St: Marcy reported that she is working with an ad hoc group of around 8 people. They are trying to get a petition together, which they will share with DCCA for consideration. The board discussed the matter without deciding on any DCCA action.

*Action item: Susan asked Marcy and Lance to discuss offline and report back with what actions, if any, they think would be appropriate for DCCA to take in this matter.*

**Masonic Temple:** Lance gave an update on the procedural posture of the legal status of the development. The HPRB deferred a decision on the landmark boundary until there is a decision by the court of appeals on the lot boundary and the stop work order, from DECAA's lawsuit. This was heard by the court on April 26<sup>th</sup> and a decision is pending.

**Meeting adjourned 8:45.**

*Next Board Meeting will be – Thursday May 25rd at 7:00 p.m.*