

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 25, 2023**

**Present:** (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Ed Hanlon, John Hassell, Rebecca Martin, Lance Salonia, Susan Valaskovic, Patty Zweibel

Not present: Joe Caruso, Marcy Logan, Diane Quinn, Justin Thornton

*Meeting was called to order at 7:04*

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**President's Report**

Susan reported that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure draft is finalized and was sent to BaseCamp. She is waiting for them to get back to her with a mock-up. It will likely not be ready to distribute by the June member meeting, but should be out soon.

Susan said that International Student House did not charge us for the May member meeting, and she suggested giving them a contribution.

***MOTION:** Susan proposed giving \$100 as a donation to International Student House; Rebecca seconded, all in favor.*

Susan reported on the preparations for the June 10 Pride parade. She had requested a better position in the parade and attended a Webex orientation meeting, and will share DCCA's position in the parade when she receives it. She also said that this year DCCA will not have a car, and there was a discussion of how to obtain a wagon that could be used for water etc. She asked that board members ask friends to march with DCCA.

She asked if anyone had anything else to report regarding meetings attended. Patty said that she attended the DC Federation of Civic Associations meeting May 24, and that the Federation asked all members to commit to contributing to the October luncheon at the same level as last year. DCCA purchased 3 tickets last year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lance sent the report around before the meeting. He gave an introduction to financial issues to new board members, and there was a general discussion about fundraising. He asked the board to authorize another \$2100 moved to the checking account, to cover the website and brochure expenses. The board decided to instead authorize \$5100, to cover expenses of the brochure and other obligations over the summer without requiring an additional board authorization.

***MOTION:** Lance proposed to transfer \$5100 to checking, Rebecca seconded, all in favor.*

## **ABCA (formerly “ABRA”): Krave appearance**

Representatives from Krave Restaurant and Lounge, 1736 Connecticut Ave NW appeared at the meeting to discuss their establishment. Zach Coles and Isaiah Walker said Krave is applying for a tavern license with a dance and entertainment endorsement. They said they started operating in April and the official opening was May 5. The ANC had recommended a stipulated license. Susan asked them if they plan to work with promoters, because she had heard that Krave representatives had told the ANC and a group of neighbors in a phone conference that they do plan to rent Krave out to others.

The representatives said they do plan to charge people a fee to hold events at Krave, but they will only do such business with those they have worked with in the past, and they will not surrender management for the evening to others; rather the Krave owners and operators will maintain liability. There was a discussion of what exactly the word “promoter” means.

John asked the representatives what steps they plan to take for rat mitigation. The representatives said they have taken steps to keep the rats out, including new blacktop for the back of the restaurant, so they can’t burrow, and that they are going to be neighborhood rat mitigation partners. There was a discussion of reasonable trash alternatives for the alley behind the restaurants.

Ed asked about nearby residences and if any of the building was residential, and the representatives said no residences are in the same building, but residences are behind the building on 21<sup>st</sup> St. Susan Valaskovic asked if they plan to have a security staff. The representatives discussed some protocols they have in place regarding security. They said they will not have music speakers on the outside of the building and will not open windows, and there is good sound control in the building.

After the representatives left the meeting, the board discussed and then held a vote.

***MOTION:*** Susan moved that DCCA should file a protest, Ed seconded, all in favor.

Susan updated the board on other ABCA matters:

Barcode: All done, settlement agreement signed and filed.

Rosemarino: The hearing has been postponed to July. Glenn is still handling, but Joe is taking over other ABCA matters.

Susan said the next issue to discuss was the West Dupont Moratorium on nightclub licenses, and the upcoming ANC meeting on May 30 to solicit community input on whether to extend the Moratorium or let it expire.

There was a lengthy board discussion about what DCCA’s position should be on the Moratorium (i.e., for extension, against it, or neutral) and how to determine it. The board will raise this at the

June 5 meeting and solicit attendee input, limited for time constraints to 5 speaking in favor of extending the moratorium, and 5 speaking in favor of letting it expire.

### **Committees**

Susan asked for volunteers for the committees.

Program: Ed will chair, and Susan Valaskovic and Rebecca will be members. They will ask Marcy to join.

E-blast/comms: Susan Valaskovic will work with Susan and Erica on this.

Finance Committee: Lance suggested there is no need for such committee, and the board agreed not to maintain it.

Homelessness committee: Similarly, the board agreed to disband the homelessness committee.

Patty will be a delegate to DC Federation of Civic Associations, and she or John will pick up DCCA mail from the office.

The board discussed additional admin and committee matters.

***Action items:*** Susan will reach out to DCFCA to add Patty to list of delegates, and will provide mail room info to Patty and John. Susan will reach out to someone in DCCA to be the new liaison to ANC 2B.

**Upcoming member meetings:** The June 5th member meeting is at the Chastleton.

***Action items:*** Susan will ask Marcy to bring refreshments. Susan will bring a projector and screen.

**Regulatory:** 1617 U St. proposal-Lance and Ed will work on this.

Zoning changes: There was a discussion of zoning procedure changes and the proposed amendments to them proposed by the OAG Land Use Office.

***Motion:*** Susan moved to submit a statement on the zoning changes, Ed seconded, all in favor.

**Meeting adjourned 9:25**

***Next Board Meeting will be – Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.***