

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

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Ed Hanlon, Lance Salonia, Susan Valaskovic, Joe Caruso, Marcy Logan (partial time), John Hassell

Not present: Diane Quinn, Justin Thornton, Rebecca Martin, Patty Zweibel

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Joe moved to approve the June Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ed, all in favor.

President's Report

The 100th anniversary brochure has been formatted and is ready for printing. In the interim Susan has identified a printer that is notably lower in cost than the BaseCamp printing quote – it was decided that Susan would talk with BaseCamp about potentially matching the lower price.

The Aston, a GW dorm that is technically in the DCCA area, is on track to be purchased by the city with plans to convert it into a shelter with wraparound services for unhoused transitioning services. There are concerns among Foggy Bottom residents and business. They plan to have an advisory board that will include members from civic association. Susan noted that we have only two members near this building, so DCCA is probably not needed to serve on this board, but she will be in touch with the Foggy Bottom Association.

In response to a Church Street resident's inquiry about whether St. Thomas complied with their agreement for inclusionary zoning, Susan has sent an inquiry and will report back.

Treasurer's Report

Lance circulated the financial report before the meeting. Monthly expenditures were reviewed and no action is needed. It was decided that there is no need to add budgeting to Board minutes.

ABCA

Rosemarino D'Italia: Hearing was held and ran from the afternoon until 3:00 AM. Glenn Engelman represented DCCA at the hearing. Despite months of efforts, it appears they will get their license.

Krave: Settlement agreement, which was mainly worked on by the ANC and neighbors, came at the final hour before the protest hearing, with some concessions for promoters.

The board discussed working with other community groups about this trending problem and the now 25-year old codes. Finding ways to coordinate communications with neighbors for settlement agreement enforcement was also discussed.

ANC Bylaws

ANC is rewriting its bylaws – Lance compared the revised document to the original bylaws and expressed concerns about changes. There is not expected to be a discussion on the changes prior to the vote at the 8/9 regular ANC meeting.

Action Item: *Lance will prepare a document with information and identify any concerns. After review of Lance’s compilation it will be shared with DCCA members and others via the eblast.*

Reports from ANC and Federation meeting

DCFCA Luncheon: DCCA will purchase three tickets to support the October 21st luncheon. Interested Board members need to notify Susan as DCCA will need to send names in advance for security clearance. Ad sponsorship spots are available in the booklet if anyone knows a business that would like to advertise.

MOTION: *Susan moves for DCCA to buy three tickets, Lance seconds the motion. All in favor.*

Programming

- **Committee Update:** The programming committee (Marcy, Rebecca, Susan Va., Ed) presented ideas for future in-person meetings. They outlined goals for attendance, content and engagement and promotion. They also proposed a new meeting structure for regular and special membership meetings.
- **Special Meeting:** It was decided that the committee’s recommendation of a “special” September meeting would take place on Thursday 9/7/23 (September Monthly Meeting is not scheduled due to Labor Day holiday). This meeting will use a slightly different timing agenda and will not leave room for open membership issues and questions. It will begin with a 20-minute social/refreshments period, lead off with a President’s welcome and include recent activity and budget update. The speaker, Greg Pemberton, chair of police union, will be present followed and participate in a Q&A.

MOTION: *Ed moves that DCCA hold a special membership meeting on Thursday 8/7, Joe seconds, all in favor.*

- **Meeting Equipment and Supply Needs:** Board discussed the committee’s call for a portable sound system to use across meeting venues. The committee is looking for a complete system that works together (sound, microphones, blue tooth etc.). The board agreed that the committee should research equipment options to invest in for September/future use. After discussion it was also agreed that funds could be used to promote the September meeting.

MOTION: *Susan Valaskovic moved that the Board approve an expenditure up to \$700 for a complete sounds system for membership meeting use. Susan Volman seconded. All in favor.*

MOTION: *Susan Valaskovic moves for spending \$250 for materials to advertise the meeting, Ed seconded the motion and all in favor.*

Action item: *The program committee will plan the September meeting and find the location for the meeting and handle meeting logistics.*

- **Future Meetings:** The Board discussed meeting spaces for future meetings, but more ideas are needed and welcomed.

Action item: *Joe is going to ask his Dupont Hotel contact about using their space and will work with Susan Valaskovic to pursue.*

- **Merchant Program:** Susan Valaskovic wants to spearhead a merchant discount program for members.

Action item: *Susan Valaskovic will consider how such a program might be structured/administered and a plan for merchant outreach.*

Strategic Action Plan

Program committee wants to hire someone to develop a strategic action plan. The idea was discussed for future consideration.

Action Item: *Susan will try to find a copy of a previous strategic planning session from 2011 or 2012, and Joe will review it.*

19th Street Update

John and 19th Street neighbors met with DDOT CoS to discuss their desire for a one-way configuration during deckover construction (and hopefully beyond). He reported that it was a good meeting, the group felt heard and received a timely response.

Upcoming membership meetings:

September “Special” Meeting: Thursday, September 7th

October: Monday, October 2nd

November: Monday, November 6th

Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

Next Board Meeting will be – *Thursday August 24th at 7:00 p.m.*