

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 23, 2021**

**Present:** (via videoconference/phone) Glenn Engelmann, Susan Volman, Charlie Ellis (by phone at the end), Tom Reiter, Marcy Logan, Tim Norman, Nick Manning, Susan Volman, Rebecca Martin, Phil Carney

Not Present: Lance Salonia

*Meeting was called to order at 7:03*

**Approval of Minutes**

*MOTION: Nick moved to approve the March 2021 minutes. Tim seconded the motion, all in favor.*

**President's Report**

- *100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dupont Circle Fountain:* Aaron DeNu and committee are still working out details. They indicated they would like to talk with DCCA about a potential sponsorship when plans are in place.
- *Comp Plan:* Chairman Mendelson has shared revisions of the plan. More time needs to be spent to review the materials. Susan attended Empower DC meeting and listened to Comp Plan hearings.
- *Nominations:* No additional candidates came forward for the DCCA elections

**Action Items:**

*Susan will review with an eye on items related to DCCA's previously submitted comments including tightened language on historic preservation items.*

**Treasurer's Report**

- Susan distributed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. Operating costs are covered for the near term.

**ABRA Report**

- *Signature Lounge:* Signature Lounge brought in a new lawyer. Meg Roggensack and Mike Silverstein have been working with the lawyer on a settlement agreement – specifically issues around sound control/windows, crowd control and promoters. Glenn is monitoring and attending meetings as needed.
- *Duffy's:* No update from Duffy's .
- *Fireplace:* No update at this time.
- Board discusses and decides that Glenn will continue on as DCCA rep for Signature Lounge, Duffy's and Fireplace ABRA matters.

**Homelessness Committee: Nick Manning, Chair Report**

- The Board discussed releasing a statement of findings on the series. Nick will be working with the committee on a draft statement.
- The committee would also like to develop a shareable guide on how citizens can volunteer and take action on the issue

- The committee will continue to stay involved in future and will consider follow up programming/discussion sessions when specific action or investigation needs to be taken
- The committee would like to survey attendees

***Action Item: Nick will be working on draft and gathering input, coordinating on distribution details.***

### **Programming – Membership Meetings**

- May – Ward 2 CM Brooke Pinto will present as will Aaron DeNu regarding the fountain anniversary. Glenn will share a year in review with members and present the election vote on the 2021-2022 slate in online poll format.
- June- Charlie has confirmed Elissa Silverman to speak

***Action Item: Glenn will send Erica email addresses for presenters***

### **Other Business:**

- **Ross Elementary:** Ross sent out a request for the auction items. DCCA does not have an item to offer but will be reaching out to them and will help to promote the auction event.

***ACTION ITEM: DCCA will help publicize auction in the eblast and Susan will reach out to Ross about a potential grant from DCCA.***

- **Freedom Garden:** Last weekend there was a strong showing of 15+ volunteers. Rebecca is talking with ANC about their committee dealing with public gardens to discuss collaboration, signage for Freedom Garden, and rats. Rebecca will keep Board updated on response/feedback.
- **Request from LCCA:** Logan Circle Community Association reached out with a draft letter to Council asking for including funds in the upcoming budget for tree watering and new public trash bins and requested that DCCA co-sign and send it to the two Federations of Civic/Citizens Associations. Susan has revised the letter expanding the reasons for tree watering by addressing the needs of neighborhoods with the least tree cover (an equity issue) (she will circulate). Board determined it would be more appropriate to submit letter to W2 CM Brooke Pinto and At-Large CMs and separately send to the Federations who can circulate to their member community organizations who may be interested submitting similar letters, customized with their own neighborhood priorities.

***ACTION ITEM: Susan will circulate the revised draft. More tree watering reminders will be added to the eblast.***

- **Request from Trio/F&H –** Restaurant owner reached out requesting help in determining what type of vender/operator is taking over the vacant store adjacent to Fox&Hounds. The Board agreed there was little DCCA could or should do so long as it is a licensed business.

***ACTION ITEM:* Glenn will inquire about the new store and help connect Trios with the appropriate ANC Commissioner.**

*Next meeting: Thursday May 27th*  
*Meeting ends at 8:35*