

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 27, 2021**

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Glenn Engelmann, Charlie Ellis (by phone), Tom Reiter, Diane Quinn, Marcy Logan, Britt Bepler, Nick Manning, Rebecca Martin, Phil Carney, Lance Salonia, Joe Caruso

Not Present: -

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Approval of Minutes

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

President's Report

- **Request for budget briefing.** Susan spoke to Joe Florio (Ward 2 Liaison for Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services -- MOCRS), who is doing outreach and offering heads of agency to speak with local orgs about the budget. Committee discussed the potential scheduling and interest in talking with Polly Donaldson, Director of the DC Department of Housing and Community Development about the Housing Production Trust Fund. Prefer having scheduling for the June 7 membership meeting rather than a special meeting.
- **Dupont Circle walk-through.** Susan will be doing a neighborhood walk through with Joe Florio on Tuesday, June 1.
- **Joint letter with LCCA on tree watering:** Letter submitted and also was sent to federations for awareness.

Treasurer's Report

- Susan distributed the treasurer's report and summary prior to the meeting.
 - More money is needed in the operating fund for upcoming bills.

MOTION: *Lance moves to transfer \$5,100 in the operating fund, Phil seconds the motion. All in favor.*

ABRA Report

- *Signature Lounge:* Settlement agreement is still being negotiated and may need to go to a protest hearing.
- *Duffy's:* Settlement agreement is in place for Duffy's in their new location on P Street between 21st and 22nd. Has been signed by all parties but for ANC who we expect to sign soon.
- *Fireplace:* No update at this time (and not yet re-opened).

Homelessness Committee: Nick Manning, Chair Report

- The Board released a statement of findings on the series.
- Joanne Garlow has agreed to help coordinate the Homelessness Committee with Nick's oversight.

- The Committee will meet again on June 10th meeting to discuss next steps and how to monitor city action.
- Glenn, Joanne and Susan will attend a meeting with Colleen Hawkinson who leads Dupont BID and Bill McLeod, the ED of Dupont Circle Main Streets on June 3 to discuss a joint letter about homelessness.

Regulatory Committee

- **Comp Plan (letter to Pinto re: Police Station)** DCCA wrote a letter endorsing the position of the Dupont Circle Conservancy requesting Councilmember Pinto withdraw her approval of the amendment to increase the allowed density of this city-owned parcel.
- **Enclosed patio at Dupont Italian Kitchen** DCCA testified against Dupont Italian Kitchen enclosing the outdoor café space. HRPB rejected the concept to enclose it.
- **Bike Lane: no new news on the P-R Street section of lane.** They said they would send us the plans for the Dupont section when it is determined.

Programming – Membership Meetings

- June - Charlie has confirmed Elissa Silverman to speak.
 - Next meeting will be in October.
 - Phil Mendelson's office is an idea for fall.

Action Item: Board members will think about/offer ideas for future speakers and share them with Charlie and Susan

Committee and Task Assignments:

- Susan sent around committee
 - Programming – need someone to help on the committee.
 - Parks and Gardens – need to confirm title of committee name.
 - House Tour – needs a chair and potentially a spring 2022 event – a designer home.
 - Finance – needs a one-time review of investments.

Action Item: Marcy/Rebecca/Phil will finalize the name they want to use for Parks and Garden Committee

- Susan/Lance/Joe and other interested board members will work together to review holdings/portfolio management with a Fidelity representative.
- House Tour – Marcy, Joe and Britt will join heads; Britt to potentially put home up for house tour Spring 2022.
- Diane will be the DCCA liaison for ANC.
- Susan will continue to do grants for now but we will revisit assignment in future.

In Person Meetings: TBD if the next meeting will be in person.

*Next meeting: Thursday June 27th
Meeting ends at 8:49 p.m.*