

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Oct 28, 2021**

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

Not Present: Charlie Ellis

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: *Susan moved to approve the September 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Rebecca, all in favor.*

President's Report

- Testimony to Council: Susan testified at the hearing to confirm the director of DDOT.
- Faith Gibson Hubbard gave an excellent talk about why community involvement is critical – Susan requested and will share her testimony when she receives it.
- Misc. “Constituent Services” events – Susan has been responding to intermittent neighborhood complaints regarding standards around the way utilities paint; sidewalk work etc.

Treasurer's Report

- Lance circulated the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting. He withdrew a portion of the authorized funds to cover operating costs.
- A few membership renewals came in.

ABRA Report

- *Surfside:* Settlement agreement between DCCA and Surfside was completed and signed yesterday.
- *Signature Lounge:* Signature Lounge the operators appealed the provisions that ABRA imposed on the license. The AG's office will handle the appeal. The Board agreed to let the AG handle it from here.
- *Fireplace:* Remains on hold – waiting a response from their attorney.
- *Butter Me Up:* The protest is active. The owner is resistant to a discussion on a change of hours inside or outside. The hearing is scheduled for November 18th.
- *Duffy's:* Have a revised agreement that Duffy's has not signed. Glenn will pursue.

Transportation Committee: Update on 17th Street Issues:

- ANC Resolution on Ross School: Lance expressed concerns about the way that the ANC approached the discussion around Ross Elementary Safe Routes School plan and would like to see a better process where there are clearly communicated agenda items and proper discussion time.

ACTION ITEM: Susan will reach out to Matthew to have conversation about finding a way to ensure that substantive issues get proper time for prior review, discussion and clear acknowledgement on the agenda.

Regulatory Committee

- **Masonic Temple Development:** Nothing new to report. They did send out information about upcoming work in carriage house area. However, there are no permits posted at this time on the DCRA website. DCCA will continue to monitor any developments.

Membership Programming –

To do for rest of the year (membership meeting programming)

- **November Board Meeting:** The meeting will center on 17th Street and will begin with a short intro and opening for Brooke Pinto. Susan will begin the Q&A by prioritizing member submitted questions and continue questions until Brooke drops off at 8:00 p.m. The remaining half hour will be a moderated member discussion that will continue the conversation and discuss potential activism on the issue.

ACTION ITEM: Erica will send a registration link to members on Friday, the invite will encourage members to submit questions to Susan in advance.

- **Future meetings:**
 - BID and HDCMS, focus on Connecticut Ave.
 - DC Executive agencies (MPD, DDOT, others)
 - Casey Trees and DC Urban Forestry
 - Wildlife – what’s going on with it?
 - Wastewater mitigation project
 - Something arts related
- Board decides to host an informal in-person January event.
- **Action Item:** Marcy, Joe, Diane, Nick, Lance will work to organize the party including finding a venue: *Women’s National Democratic Club, Heurich House, Eastern Star, Dupont Italian Kitchen, Presbyterian Church, International Student House or other 17th locations all mentioned as options to explore.*

ACTION ITEM: Committee will convene to create a plan. Marcy and Susan will work separately on holiday cards.

Committee and Task Assignments:

- **100th Anniversary:** Susan will start think and talking to people about a document to commemorate DCCA.

*Next meeting: The Nov and Dec meetings will be collapsed into one: Thursday, December 9th
Meeting ends at 8:27*