

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 24, 2022**

**Present:** (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Rebecca Martin, Joe Caruso, Tom Reiter, Phil Carney, Charlie Ellis, Diane Quinn, Marcy Logan

Not Present: Nick Manning, Lance Salonia, Britt Bepler

*Meeting was called to order at 7:05*

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** *Charlie moved to approve the February 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Rebecca, all in favor.*

**President's Report**

Susan summarized the matters presented in her President's Report including conversations with the Women's Democratic Club and LCCA about potential candidate forums and suggested that for DCCA to pursue other DCCA Board or Members need to create a committee to work on it, DCCA registered for the Pride Parade and are seeking more information about options for insurance and Phil is looking into a possible convertible for DCCA to drive in.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lance sent the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting and Susan re-submitted the budget with non-substantive edits.

**ABRA**

**Duffy's** – Glenn is in talks with them about finalizing the settlement agreement with DCCA as a signer.

**Rosemarie D'Italia** – Protests were filed by ANC, DCCA, and a group of 60 neighbors who are being represented by an attorney. A mediation took place with no resolve. It is likely to go to a protest hearing on the entertainment endorsement. The license renewal may also be looked at. Joe explored and researched moratorium options for Connecticut Avenue generally, and briefed the Board on how it works including some of the potential negative consequences for the neighborhood if put to use.

**ACTION ITEM:** *Joe reported that ABRA is holding a Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>@7pm, [community training](#) on this he will try to attend and Erica will include the info in the eblast.*

*Erica to follow up with Susan/Glenn on ways we might send a standard email to protest involved neighbors, reminding them of our role in the dispute, role in prevention and wider role in neighborhood, and ask for their support via membership.*

*Susan will review list of any upcoming renewals.*

## **Nomination Committee Report**

Two new board members will be nominated for the April meeting. The slate will be presented at April membership meeting and DCCA will ask for any additional nominations. Nick needs 2 others to join the nominating committee.

## **Parks and Gardens Updates**

**T Street Garden :** Rebecca and Marcy briefed the board on their conversations about formalizing the relationship between DCCA and the city as it relates to T Street Garden. It was determined that an Adopt a Park program would be the best option at this point in time (if needed a Friends of Park c3 could be considered for the future). The process requires DCCA to agree to areas of care - pick up trash and beautify but DCCA will have no liability which remains with the city. This is to establish a relationship for the T Street Park – the Freedom Park belongs to DDOT.

**Irrigation system:** Funding for system was approved at the February BoD meeting, but there are details to work out before implementing. Rebecca shared next steps: 1) waiting for the required schematic to get the review completed by the city 2) once complete DCCA will need to have the donation of the system approved by DPR and DCCA will need to agree to maintain it (which is expected to be at very little cost). 3) once that is done we require a right to entry permit from DPR; Katie will help push that through.

**Misc:** Board discusses more permanent DCCA signage for the park after it's adopted. Erica suggested DCCA be referenced in the google group communications that organizes volunteers for the park. Susan is still working with the city on fence work for Freedom Park

**Action Item:** *Board agrees that Rebecca will send out application for Adopt a Park and move it around to board members with an aim to submit before the next meeting. She will continue to cc the group on relevant paperwork. Erica will help fill out the form and provide info as needed.*

## **Membership Programs:**

April meeting: Board nominations are required. Planned speakers include Casey Trees, Urban Forestry and Chris Dyer from DPR. Susan is waiting for confirmation from Casey Trees. Also, someone from the Mayor's office will present on the Mayor's budget. –

- May meeting: Annual meeting; Brooke Pinto or DC Executive Agency, AG's new office of zoning, or Empower DC.
- June meeting–DC Executive Agency such as DDOT, DOEE, or Pinto, if she is not available for May.

## **Tasks, and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership**

Fall party, there is a need for the end of year party committee to reconvene and being planning for Fall– (Diane, Joe, Marcy, Nick, Lance)

## **New Business**

Marcy reports Swann Street B&B is going to auction this month.

Diane asking for an update on the homelessness committee and asks board to consider ways a future candidates' forum with focus on the issue of homelessness could be useful.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18

*Next meeting: The April meeting will take place on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*