

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 2022**

Present: (via videoconference/phone) Susan Volman, Charlie Ellis, Tom Reiter, Lance Salonia, Patty Zweibel
Not Present: Joe Caruso, Marcy Logan, Rebecca Martin, Nick Manning, Diane Quinn, Justin Thornton

Meeting was called to order at 7:08

No Quorum

Susan noted that the meeting lacked a quorum, so the May 2022 board meeting minutes would be approved at the next board meeting. Anything else that needs a vote before the next meeting will be sent to board members via email.

President's Report

Susan, Marcy and Lance attended the lunch for the DC Federation of Civic Associations on June 18. Susan also attended the Federation's monthly meeting in June. She said the Federation may be considering taking a more active role in testifying on matters of importance to Federation members.

Susan suggested that DCCA should set up tables to heighten our visibility to Dupont Circle residents and recruit members. DCCA could set up a table at the Farmers' Market and also during the pop-ups that Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets sponsors. She will talk with Bill McLeod about this idea. It was suggested that the smaller Thursday Farmers' Market would be better than the Sunday market, because it is more likely to be frequented by Dupont residents.

Treasurer's Report

Lance sent the Treasurer's report in advance of the meeting and briefed everyone on spending including legal fees in connection with the Rosemarino D'Italia matter (that had been approved at the May board meeting), and Pride Parade costs. He also noted that the Fidelity account valuation was down due to continued poor market performance.

There was no quorum, so there was no vote on spending additional funds on irrigation. Rebecca will let Lance know when the remainder of the bill for the irrigation system in the T Street Park is due, at which point the board will have to vote on transferring additional funds from the Fidelity account.

ABRA

Susan said that the new operators of the former Local 16 on U St have requested a summer garden and sidewalk café, and longer outside operating hours, which exceed the limits of the Settlement Agreement that ANC2B and ANC 1C negotiated with Local 16. Both ANCs that include U St in their borders should be involved in the discussions, and Kenlee Ray is DCCA's point person on this. We will need to attend the July ANC meeting to see whether the ANC is planning to protest, and invite the applicant to our July board meeting if we want to protest.

Bike lanes: Susan said that a group of bicycle activists presented at the ANC's Mobility Committee to ask that the ANC support a proposal to DDOT to install protected bike lanes on R and Q Sts, which will affect parking. There was discussion of the need to stay on top of DDOT in this matter. This is to ensure DDOT is engaged with the community during the discussion and planning phase, and that DDOT hears concerns from all interested parties.

Membership updates: Susan and Lance noted that some additional members had joined recently. Susan said that annual reminder renewal notices should be sent out in December, but that some people start renewing in October. Susan asked Charlie if he wanted to still be head of the Membership Committee, and he said no. She also asked for all board members to come up with ideas for Membership meetings for the fall. There was a discussion about whether to have in person or virtual socials during the summer or the fall. Tom offered to help plan Membership meetings and speakers for the year. Susan suggested the new DDOT director be a guest at a Membership meeting.

Parks and Gardens: Susan has contacted Simoun Banua at Urban Forestry about the Oak Tree in Freedom Garden. He informed us that the tree needs to be removed. We won't be notified when this is going to occur, but they will put up no parking signs at least 3 days in advance. Rebecca knows about this and is prepared to protect the plants in the garden if possible. Tom asked about the fencing in Freedom Garden, and Susan said she will again follow up with DDOT's community engagement staffer about it. Tom offered to follow up with DDOT.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.