

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 9, 2021**

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

Not Present: Rebecca Martin

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: *Joe Caruso moved to approve the September 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Charlie Ellis, all in favor.*

President's Report

- Freedom Park was damaged by a car – DCCA, led by Tom, Marcy, and Susan, is looking into how the ironwork can be repaired if the city and/or insurance funds could cover it. It is also exploring temporary fixes that DCCA may fund from the gardening budget to protect the plantings in the meantime.
- Susan spoke with ANC 2B Chair Matthew Holden about keeping agenda items clear and announced prior to meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Lance circulated the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting.
- No change to accounts, a few membership renewals came in.

ABRA Report

- *Fireplace:* No change in status
- *Butter Me Up:* Signature Agreement reached.
- *Duffy's:* Still no signature.
- *Rosemarino D'Italia:* issue is being monitored and in development

Transportation Committee: Update on 17th Street Issues:

- Response from DDOT to 17th Street Resolution.

ACTION ITEM: *Susan will reply to Gina Arlotto's letter to ask what specific criteria DDOT is using and what the evaluation timeframe is.*

Grants

- **Keegan Application:** Application to partially fund the Boiler Room Series – a sub-program that offers free performances to residents, and their education program. The board discussed and voted in favor of helping the Keegan with the grant but would like to also review components of the active partnership we have with the Keegan.

Membership Programming –

- **Connecticut Avenue Business Development** discussion on the concerns about commercial tax assessments increasing and being passed on to small businesses

- Marcy suggests a subcommittee form to explore the issues, beginning with the names of all the retail people on first floor and get their input and determine a course of action related to the building owners.

ACTION ITEM: Marcy, Joe, Tom, and Charlie will work as a subcommittee to explore the issue and opportunities.

- **Potential Debate Series:** Nick proposes an idea for series of quarterly issue debates as a way to thoughtfully advance the discussion on complex issues. The idea would be for DCCA to organize and moderate debates among prominent thought leaders in select issue areas, allowing each to make the case for their issue position (ie. Encampments, Dupont identity, Enviro, etc.) as a way to help evolve the conversation and remove the silos of info sharing/presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Nick will send around a few bullet point ideas about such as series. Nick agreed to scope out whether or not there is interest and whether we might find willing and appropriate proponents/opponents for the first in this series, the encampment clearance debate.

Committees, Tasks, and 100th Anniversary

- **Committee on Homelessness:** Committee recently met and had a discussion with Therese Silva, newly appt ED of Interagency Council to discuss how the large funding increase would be used. However, there was no clear projection of outcomes or hard goals outlined. There are good news and efforts in place but the plan seems to lack the outcome goals and metrics we asked the Mayor to put in place.
- **Possible December zoom social (Nick)** Driskell show at Phillips – Nick is exploring
- **Potential for a January or February in-person social** - DCCA Night at Phillips
- **Holiday Card** – Marcy, Phil, and Susan are working on it
- **Membership Opinions:** Erica will send a short survey to members to ask about interest / comfort in attending in-person events.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 27th, 7:00 PM

Meeting ends at 8:38