

**Dupont Circle Citizens Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 27, 2022**

**Present:** (via videoconference) Susan Volman, Lance Salonia, Joe Caruso, Glenn Engelmann, Phil Carney, Rebecca Martin, Nick Manning, Britt Bepler, Marcy Logan  
**Not Present:** Diane Quinn, Tom Reiter, Charlie Ellis

*Meeting was called to order at 7:04*

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**President's Report**

- Susan sent email to Gina Arlotto to ask about timetable and metrics that will be used to monitor the bike lane. No response has been received at this time.
- Susan has been in talks with some other neighborhood associations that would like to collaborate on shared issues (e.g., candidate forums, handling ABRA issues etc.).
- Fencing has been purchased for the Freedom Garden and is currently being stored at Tom's until weather permits. Susan is continuing to work with city about their potential role in repairs.
- Susan attended a virtual meeting of the Federation of Associations to hear about the tipped minimum wage ballot initiative 81. DCCA does not need to take any action on this.
- Diane will be an alternate DCCA representative for future Federation of Citizens Associations' meetings.
- Brooke Pinto's office asked DCCA if they would like a proclamation to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Board agrees and Susan will draft some language about DCCA they can use within the proclamation.
- Susan reminded the board about the upcoming Council oversight committee hearings. DCCA's Homelessness Committee does not plan to testify. DCCA should testify for the DDOT oversight hearing. Susan will follow up on this.
- Neighbors have contacted DCCA about their concerns about traffic, and idling and bad driver behavior occurring around the GoPuff warehouse near 22<sup>nd</sup> and P. Susan and Glenn and Jeff Reuckgauer (ANC Commissioner) have responded. The ANC will take the lead on proposing regulatory solutions.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Lance circulated the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting and outlined details on the investment account and on operating account expenditures.

**ABRA Report**

- Edward Camacho, representing Connecticut Avenue's Rosemarino D'Italia joined the meeting and spoke to the group about his plans for adding an entertainment endorsement to his tavern license. ANC Commissioner Meg Roggensack also joined the meeting to hear from him. The issue of music, hours and use of promoters were discussed. Mr. Camancho

expressed agreement with the draft settlement agreement details including the no-promoter provision.

***MOTION: Susan motions to vote to protest on basis of peace order and quiet if a settlement agreement is not in place by the deadline. Nick seconds. 8 in favor 1 opposed.***

- Glenn and Joe will connect and work together on some of the upcoming ABRA work.

#### **Nomination Process and Committee**

- Lance briefs Board on nomination process according to Bylaws
- Nominating committee chair must be selected among those \*not\* currently up for election– which includes Joe, Nick, Britt, and Diane. Committee will:
  - Determine if current one-year officers are planning to run for another term.
  - Write up a nomination slate that is presented to the membership at the April meeting and if approved, voted on in May.
  - Lead efforts to find potential Board members for any seat opening.

***Action Item: Nick volunteered to be a committee member and will take on task of surveying existing board officers/member on their status.***

***Action Item: Susan will talk with Diane about having a lead role on committee.***

#### **Gardening Committee**

- Rebecca briefed the board on T Street Garden and requests consideration of a proposal to improve resources dedicated to it, including an improved watering system and funds for plant stock. Board agrees to consider and encourages a proposal be put together.

***Action Item: Rebecca will work with Marcy and the lead volunteer of the T Street Garden, Phil Jones, to compile a proposal for consideration.***

#### **Membership Programs:**

- **February 7:** MPD will present to members online
- **March 7:** Potential Debate (homeless camps or housing Density or Potential Debate on increasing density in Dupont. Nick and Susan are working to identify willing participants
- **April 4:** Parks and Gardens -- Casey Trees, Urban Forestry, and Chris Dyer (DPR)
- **May:** Annual Meeting with recap for year – featured speaker TBD
- **Other ideas**
  - DC Executive agencies (DDOT, DOEE, OP)
  - Wildlife – what’s going on with it?
  - DC Water, Wastewater mitigation project
  - Something arts related
  - Council members

**Membership outreach with brochures** – Susan mentioned the need to distribute DCCA Brochure stock. Sharing materials with neighborhood realtors, Java House, and potentially purchasing a plexiglass box for T Street Garden were named.

***Action Item: Board members were asked to message Susan additional ideas for distribution.***

*Next meeting: Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM*  
*Meeting ends at 8:54*