

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes

Membership Meeting

July 19, 2012

Call to Order

Second Vice President, Lisa Kelly presiding. Meeting called to order at 7:15p.m.

By virtue of the attendance of the following board members, a quorum was deemed to be present:

Daniel McKay, Vice Pres.; Lisa Kelly, 2nd Vice Pres.; Elwyn Ferris, Sec.; Guy Podgornik, Treas.; Directors: Dan Wittels; Doug Johnson; Caroline De Mariz;

Also in attendance were the following community representatives and civic leaders: John DeTaeye, Councilman Graham's office.

President's Report:

In the President's absence, Vice President Lisa Kelly announced that SDCA's bylaws are now available on our website: www.shawdupont.org

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Guy Podgornik read Financial Report into the record. Available to members upon request.

Committee Reports:

Parking Committee, Chair, Guy Podgornik, announced that SDCA had succeeded in getting the problematic speed bump on Wallach Place properly painted to prevent further disruptions to the neighbors from speeding vehicles, unaware of the speed bumps location.

Membership and Community Outreach Committee, Chair, Lisa Kelly, introduced a presentation by Gerard Brown, Manager of the Bureau of Community Hygiene, Rodent Control and Vector Division of the DC Dept. of Health. Mr. Brown gave a very informative presentation on Rodent control and provided SDCA with several DVD copies of National Geographic's documentary "RAT GENIUS".*(see MEMBERS NOTE)

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Design and Development Committee, Chair, Daniel McKay, introduced a presentation on the 13th and U Street JBG proposed Planned Unit Development. The presentation centered on the historic aspects of the project, including historic architectural references, consistent with those of other historic structures in the 14th and U Street neighborhood, including height, density and massing,

MOTION: by Daniel McKay, seconded by Dan Wittels that the project not be supported in its present state, primarily due to issues related to height, density and massing.

Vote to not support was unanimous.

ABRA Committee, Chair, Elwyn Ferris, announced that SDCA had successfully been granted legal status in the matter of ABRA license: Taqueria Nacional at the Roll Call Hearing of July 16. SDCA and the Dupont Circle ANC are the only parties granted legal standing in this matter.

The SDCA ABRA Committee will meet with the owner(s) to negotiate and sign a Voluntary Agreement on behalf of the SDCA Membership.

Important dates to remember:

Mediation Session Date: 8/16, 1:00pm; Status Hearing Date: 9/12, 9:30am;

Protest Hearing Date: 11/28, 4:00pm

The Chair further reported that SDCA had formally requested additional time from Councilman Graham, to allow the SDCA membership to submit our position on a number of proposals in the ABRA Omnibus Bill that limit or diminish citizens' rights in matters of Alcohol Licensing issues.

SDCA joined other civic associations in making the request for more time, and is happy to report that Councilman Graham has "recessed" the public hearing (held July 12th) on the Omnibus Bill for proposed changes to ABRA regulations, in order to allow time for ANC's and Civic Associations (including SDCA) to review these proposals for comment and input.

SDCA's ABRA Committee will bring these issues to a vote of the membership at our August 16th meeting.

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Liquor License Applications:

Merlot's Masterpiece

Upon the Chair's recommendation, no action was taken.

Ted's Bulletin

Applicant did not respond to SDCA's invitation to present their plan to our membership.

MOTION: by Dan Wittels, seconded by Lisa Kelly to formally Protest Ted's Bulletin ABRA Application as filed.

Vote to Protest License Application was unanimous.

Other Business

It was announced that our new Post Office has opened in the street level of the Reeves Center, entrance on 14th Street.

Flyers to promote the Movie Series at Harrison Field, sponsored by our fellow civic association, USNA, were distributed, and SDCA members were encouraged to support this very worthy cause.

It was announced that anyone seeking to be a candidate for ANC must submit their completed application to the Board of Elections by August 9th.

The new boundary maps for ANC-1B, resulting from the 2010 Census, were distributed to the members.*(see MEMBERS NOTE)

Adjournment

There being no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. The next meeting of the members will take place on **Thursday, August 16**, at 7 p.m. at the Thurgood Marshall Center, 1816 12th Street NW.

*** MEMBERS NOTE:**

- A limited number of National Geographic's "RAT GENIUS" DVD's are available to the members of SDCA. The DVD can be delivered to your membership address at your request, by calling SDCA (683-SDCA/7322).
- Copies of the new boundary maps for ANC-1B (Shaw) and ANC-2B (Dupont) can be emailed or delivered to your membership address at your request, by calling 683-SDCA/7322.