

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes

Membership Meeting
February 21, 2013

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:15p.m, by Vice President, Daniel McKay.

Board Members in Attendance:

Daniel McKay, Vice Pres.; Elwyn Ferris, Sec.; Guy Podgornik, Treasurer;
Robert Lawrentz, Tech. Officer; Caroline De Mariz, Director

A quorum was determined to be present.

President's Report:

In the absence of President, Joan Sterling, Vice President Daniel McKay postponed the Presidents Report until the March 21st Membership Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Guy Podgornik gave the Treasurer's report, available to members upon request, which included the receipt of membership dues from new members; a charitable donation to the Thurgood Marshall Center in appreciation for the use of the center for SDCA's monthly Membership Meetings; and payment of SDCA dues to the *Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia* through 2014.

Motion by Daniel McKay, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Seconded by Elwyn Ferris. Vote: 4-0-0
Motion to approve passes.

Announcements:

Daniel McKay announced that Elwyn Ferris has agreed to be the permanent chair the Membership Committee.

Daniel McKay announced that the Zoning Commission Hearing on the 13th and U Street PUD will be held on March 4, 2013.

Elwyn Ferris distributed announcements of the Citizens Federation's February 26th Assembly being held at The All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church, 2300 Cathedral Avenue NW, where Robert Thompson, aka Dr. Gridlock, will conduct an interactive session with community leaders about city-wide transit and transportation challenges, including the bête noir of DC planning and transportation officials: parking. This Assembly is Open to the Public.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Daniel McKay, to approve the minutes of the January 17th membership meeting as submitted. Seconded by Robert Lawrence. Vote: 4-0-0
Motion to approve passes.

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Committee Reports:

ABRA Committee:

Elwyn Ferris, Chair, updated membership on the status of the "Street" Tavern license application at 1346 T Street (former Café Collage) as a result of the February 19th Roll Call Hearing, as follows: There are three distinct protestant groups: A resident protest group consisting of 14 residents; an abutting property owner; and a local civic association, SDCA, upon re-submission of incorporation documents and letter of representation. Incorporation documents were re-submitted to ABRA later in the same afternoon of Feb. 19th.

Elwyn Ferris clarified information disseminated by ABRA representatives at the Feb. 20th ANC1B ABC Committee meeting, regarding the new definition of "overconcentration" as defined in the new Omnibus Bill, currently being applied to all pending applications and the moratorium request for 14th and U Street, as follows:

(35A) "Overconcentration" means the existence of several licensed establishments that adversely affect a specific locality, section or portion of the District of Columbia, including consideration of the appropriateness standards under (section) 25-313(b)

ABC License Applications:

ABRA Lic. #091244; Class "T" Tavern; "Fainting Goat"; 1330 U Street NW:

Owner and proprietor Henry Bruce presented a plan and distributed hand-outs for a new tavern at 1330 U Street NW:

Nature of Operation:

New tavern serving appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, salads, and main courses. Featuring a DJ and background music. Occupancy load of 199.

Hours of Operation:

Sunday through Thursday 8 am – 2 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am – 3 am.

Hours of Entertainment:

Sunday through Thursday 6 pm – 2 am, Friday and Saturday 6 pm – 3 am

Motion by Elwyn Ferris, to file a formal Protest of this application based on its negative impact on peace, order and quiet; vehicular and pedestrian safety; over-concentration of alcohol licenses; and parking concerns. Seconded by Robert Lawrentz. Vote: 5-0-0
Motion to file Protest passes.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 21, 2013.