

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes

Membership Meeting
November 15, 2012

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:06p.m.

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

Joan Sterling, Pres.; Lisa Kelly, Vice Pres.; Elwyn Ferris, Sec.; Robert Lawrentz, Tech. Officer.

Also in attendance were the following community representatives and civic leaders: ANC 2B09 Commissioner Emeritus Ramon Estrada, and ANC 1B12 Commissioner-Elect, Zahra Jilani.

President's Report:

President Joan Sterling reported that the Moratorium was ready to be filed upon a final review by our legal counsel.

It was further reported that the board had received and accepted the resignations from two of its founding board members, Craig Brownstein and Doug Johnson, whose contribution to the establishment of SDCA was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

It was further reported that the public hearing before HPRB (Historic Preservation Review Board) to review the PUD at 13th and U Street by the JBG Companies would be held on December 20, 2012.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Guy Podgornik gave the Treasurer's report, available to members upon request, which included the receipt of membership dues from two new members.

Committee Reports:

ABRA Committee. Chair, Elwyn Ferris, reported that the ABRA Board had formally approved the Voluntary Agreement SDCA Negotiated with Ted's Bulletin, which now dictates the terms and conditions of their alcohol license.

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Announcements:

ANC2B Chair Emeritus Ramon Estrada announced that the JBG Companies District Apartments at 14th and S Street was slated for completion on December 3, and would include two new dining establishments: Quan, a high-end Asian-Fusion restaurant, and Ted's Bulletin, well-known on Capitol Hill for their breakfast menu and their famous Pop-Tarts.

ANC1B12 Commissioner-Elect Zahra Jilani announced that she would soon establish a blog to keep her ANC1B12 constituents informed on neighborhood issues, and would begin by posting the construction schedules of various local projects.

Secretary Elwyn Ferris announced that the First Annual SDCA Holiday Toy Drive was well under way, and that 31 of our local retail establishments were working with us to advertize and promote SDCA's efforts on behalf of the foster children of DC's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA).

Technology Officer Robert Lawrentz announced that SDCA's Resolution opposing various provisions of the controversial Alcohol Omnibus Bill 19-824 (as was unanimously passed by the SDCA Membership in August) would be posted to the SDCA website.

Technology Officer Robert Lawrentz further announced that the services of a Howard University intern had been secured to assist with the SDCA website, and the membership email system was now in full operation.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next meeting date (Dec. or Jan.) is to be determined based on the availability of the General Membership and the Board Members during the busy December holiday season. Please check the SDCA website. Members will be notified by email and/or USPS.