

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes

Membership Meeting

April 18, 2013

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05p.m, by President, Joan Sterling.

Board Members in Attendance:

Joan Sterling, Pres.; Daniel McKay, V.P.; Elwyn Ferris, Sec.; Guy Podgornik, Treasurer; Robert Lawrentz, Tech. Officer; Caroline De Mariz, Director, Dan Wittels, Director

A quorum was determined to be present.

Announcements:

Federation News:

The People's Counsel, PSC Chairperson and PEPCO's Region President will speak on the reliability of the city's electric utility service at the DC Federation of Citizens Associations' Assembly to be held on Tue., April 23, 6:45 PM at All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church Hall, 2300 Cathedral Ave., NW.

[The complete announcement may be found on the SDCA website under the 'Federation News' tab]

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.

Guest Speaker

Brianne Nadeau, representing **Sustainable U**, gave a very informative presentation on the benefits of "**Wind Power for Your Home!**" Customers interested in signing up to save on your energy bills by purchasing your power through Clean Currents can do so by calling 301-754-0430 ext. 3 for more information, or view the current rates being offered (locked-in for 2 years) for a limited time by visiting www.cleancurrents.com.

For each customer or business who signs up during this limited period, **Sustainable U** will receive a \$30.00 - \$50.00 donation that will be used to benefit the 14th and U Street community for the purchase of tree boxes and bike racks. SIGN-UP TODAY!

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Daniel McKay, to approve the minutes of the March 18th Membership Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Guy Podgornik. Vote: 10-0-0

Motion to approve passes.

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Committee Reports:

Design Committee: Guy Podgornik, Chair

JBG is supposed to submit a construction management plan for the 13th and U PUD. A preliminary plan has been sent to an affected property owner on Wallach Place..

Julienne Johnson requested that ANC request to re-open the case to allow her and Mr. Thomas (the owner of the building abutting the project) to get status in the case. The design committee voted 4-2 to suggest to the ANC that they approve the request.

Zoning Committee: German Jimenez, Chair (Guy Podgornik reporting in German's absence).

German Jimenez, made a presentation requesting that the ANC support SDCA in their interpretation of the 50 percent rule as it applies to the square that includes the east side of 14th between S and T and the portion of T street west of the alley parallel to 14th. It included two parts (1) that DCRA include the Source theater as a drinking establishment (it has a liquor license to SERVE alcohol...and the regulations say that DCRA must use the STRICTEST definitions) and (2) that if the frontage on 14th street meets the 50 percent rule, then that also applies to the portion of the square on 13th. The design review committee moved to let the owner of Compass Rose present the other side of the interpretation at the next committee meeting-held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 at Thurgood Marshall.

ABRA Committee: Elwyn Ferris, Chair

Recently Protested Applications (Update):

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

A Settlement Agreement between License applicant and SDCA has been signed and submitted to ABRA for approval. To be posted to SDCA website upon issuance of ABRA Board Order.

"Street": ABRA Lic. #091140; Class "T" Tavern, 1346 T Street NW:

A Settlement Agreement between License applicant and SDCA has been signed and submitted to ABRA for approval. To be posted to SDCA website upon issuance of ABRA Board Order.

Recently Posted Renewal Applications:

"Dukem Ethiopian Restaurant": ABRA Lic.#072469; Class "R" Restaurant; 1114-1118 U Street NW:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with licensee.

Seconded by Ron Renchard. 10-0-0.

Motion passes.

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“Alero Restaurant”: ABRA Lic.#071881; Class “R” Restaurant; 1301 U Street NW B:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with licensee.
Seconded by Robert Lawrentz. 10-0-0.

Motion passes.

“Standard” ABRA Lic. #083769; Class “C” Restaurant; 1801 14th Street NW:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with licensee.
Seconded by Guy Podgornik. 10-0-0.

Motion passes.

Recently Posted New Applications:

“Bin”: ABRA Lic.#091682; Class “T” Tavern; 1301 U Street NW

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal to negotiate a Settlement Agreement with licensee.
Seconded by Guy Podgornik. 10-0-0.

Motion passes.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2013.