

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes

Membership Meeting

May 16, 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 Annual Federation Awards Dinner will be held on May 21, 2013 to honor several local civic associations and outstanding community leaders. Dinner to be held at All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church, 2300 Cathedral Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

Crime Report:

Crime statistics show crime on the rise in the past month, up 167%: 60 car break-ins and thefts, 400% increase in burglaries, 100% increase in burglaries with gun.

New Business Openings:

- Taqueria Nacional now open at 1409 T Street NW
- Bake House Bakery and Coffee Shop now open at 1407 T Street NW

Community Events:

- Mid-City Artists Open Studios Tours to be held Saturday and Sun day, May
- Capital Pride Annual Parade to be held on June 8th, terminating at 14th and S Streets NW

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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Joan Sterling, to approve the minutes of the April 18th Membership Meeting as submitted.

Seconded by Guy Podgornik. Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve passes.

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Committee Reports:

Design Committee: Guy Podgornik, Chair

There has been no Construction Plan submitted by JBG on the 13th and U Street PUD.

Zoning Committee: German Jimenez, Chair

- The BZA Hearing on the Appeal filed by SDCA on "Compass Rose-Street" at 1346 T Street will be held on June 18th.

- SDCA would send a 'determination letter' to Zoning requesting clarification regarding the change in operation of the current ice cream shop at 1301 U Street, "U Scream Ice Cream", to an alcohol licensed 'Tavern', that would further violate the 50% cap on 'eating and drinking' establishments on that block, already 55 over the permitted maximum.

- SDCA would send letters to new businesses at 1407 T Street NW and 1409 T Street NW to insure that proper public space permits have been issued to allow for the use of the public space currently occupied by the two businesses.

ABRA Committee: Elwyn Ferris, Chair

New Applications:

"Bin"; Class "T" Tavern; 1301U Street NW:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to file a Protest on the basis of peace, order and quiet, parking and overconcentration.. Seconded by Dan Wittels. Vote to Protest: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

Renewal Applications:

"Bistro La Bonne"; Class "R" Restaurant; 1340 U Street NW:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal on the basis of peace, order and quiet, parking and overconcentration. Seconded by Guy Podgornik. Vote to Protest: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

"Policy"; Class "R" Restaurant; 1904 14th Street NW:

Motion by Elwyn Ferris to Protest renewal on the basis of peace, order and quiet, parking and overconcentration. Seconded by Robert Lawrentz. Vote to Protest: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

"El Centro"; Class "C" Restaurant; 1819 14th Street NW:

Motion by Dan Wittels to Protest renewal on the basis of peace, order and quiet, parking and overconcentration, provided that the protest deadline had not expired. Seconded by Daniel McKay. Vote to Protest: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

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“Masa 14”; Class “C” Restaurant; 1825 14th Street NW:

Motion by Dan Wittels to Protest renewal on the basis of peace, order and quiet, parking and overconcentration, provided that the protest deadline had not expired.

Seconded by Daniel McKay. Vote to Protest: Unanimous.

Motion passes.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2013.