

SDCA Meeting Minutes 11/20/2014

I Call to Order

11/20 1906

Attendance: Fellman, Ferris, Radee, D. McKay Sterling, Podgornik, Estrada, Rotz, Page
No minutes from last general meeting due to candidates forum

II President's Report

Good job everyone for the candidates forum. Well attended.

Podgornik: Should SDCA send out congratulatory letters to all the SDCA candidates?

Action: Joan to send little ANC & Council

III Treasurers' Report

September 1309.21

membership + 60

expenses - 282.79

11/20 1086.42

IV Announcements

A. Toy Drive

Very slow this year. Goodwood did not work with us this year. Home Rule is still participating/promoting/is the only collection point. Other businesses/orgs are still promoting. In past years we collected ~500 items (toys/clothing). Unsure if we will make that number this year. Ends 12/13

Action: Members to post notices to their block lists.

B. Citizens' Federation

SDCA nominated Ramon Estrada who was chosen as the Citizen Actiivist of the Year. Honorary luncheon on Mon 12/8 at Décor (18/F). Come support him!

Podgornik: We have not been billed for our membership in DCCF. They said they don't bill, so we should send it in.

Met w/Mendelson about boards and commissions. Brought up the fact that not enough citizens/citizen groups are represented in various board (like ABRA and zoning). Mendelson says that it is up to the mayor to appoint more ciitzens. Looking for a new citizen association rep to the ABRA task force.

V Design/Development Committee

A. DDOT

Tried to get DDOT to speak with us this month but "they are too busy right now". Have new DDOT contacts: Walter Graham and Marvin McFadden (ward 1). Got a commitment to come speak to us soon.

JBG liaison 13/U PUD: Action: Get a community meeting. Easements, liability, etc. Talk to Tom Coumaris @ 14/S for his experience with that with DC District. Ramon interprets that document as “signing away your life and rights”. Phyllis did not sign the papers.

Estrada: At the community’s request, DDOT arranged a meeting for Reeves Center construction. Suggest to ask DDOT to arrange a similar meeting for the same.

Jeffrey Powell can put the hammer out if it transportation agreements are not obeyed.

Also can petition DDOT for alley restoration/improvement.

14/S: West Elm, Logan Hardware: West Elm has UPS trucks lining the S alley every day, Logan Hardware has deliveries parking in the middle of the alley. LH has also had loading at 6-7am. Need to engage their owner(s) to be better neighbors.

B. Reeves

Current rumor is to separate Reeves from Soccer Stadium and finance the stadium separately. Bill dies if council does not pass in two remaining sessions this year. Akridge has been running around the neighborhood as if it’s a done deal.

DC is responsible for cleaning the stadium site

DC is responsible for demolishing Reeves Center

There is no plan for a Reeves Center replacement in Anacostia despite the rhetoric.

C. Madison on 14th

Need coordination and point of contact.

VI ABRA Committee

“In a holding pattern”

A. Signed a settlement agreement with Art Soiree.

B. New Town protest

Wallach St neighbors went to the hearing. Brought evidence and laid a good case. ABRA has 90 days to issue a ruling.

C. Noise Complaints

Noise Task Force meeting today: DCRA, ABRA, MPDC. Progress seen in the last year.

VII. Membership

A. Voting

Estrada (Sterling 2d.) moves to accept the slate by unanimous acclamation. No objections.

B. Renewals, membership drive.

VIII New business

A. ZRR

Deadline for comment period.

IX Adjournment

20:33 (Radee, Ferris 2d). Moved without objection.