

SDCA Membership Meeting 1/15/2015

I. Call to Order

Time: 19:08 at Thurgood Marshall Center

Attendance: Joan, Robert, Soochon, Russell Page, Allen Rotz, Mary, Dan, John Green, Ron Renchard

A quorum was determined to be present.

II. John Green's Remarks

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His current focuses:

1. Holding development and construction teams accountable (JBG & Elysium) with community and DDOT help.

2. Overseeing the formation of the BID. Don't want to see seed money wasted or going away. BID Exploratory Committee is already formed. Committee chair(?) is Khalid Pitt's (of Cork) wife. Not in favor of a massive one - 9th/14th is probably the biggest he prefers. Enlisted Patrick Nelson as advisor. Could also be a CID (community improvement district) instead of a BID to widen the tax base.

3. Seeking to chair and revive the ANC1B Public Safety Committee. Also reaching out to Citizen's Advisor Committee of the district. Key to a successful PSC will be access and use of data. (Joan: police union started their own website because the police's data gathering/presentation is so slow - <http://crimedc.com/>)

SDCA's concerns to John Green:

1. ABRA enforcement. Settlement agreements are negotiated but enforcement is often lax.
2. 13/U PUD
3. DDOT
4. Garrison improvement funds. Thought they were won, but DC DGS is reconsidering the award/school improvement.
5. Wizards want to build a practice stadium in Shaw
6. Rat problem and restaurant trash pickups
7. Businesses are using alleys as A/C water dropoffs
8. What is going on with the S St DPR site/public garage?

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Guy Podgornik gave the Treasurer's report, available to members upon request.

IV. Talking Transition this Saturday!

Tell the incoming mayor what you think.

DC Vote is organizing a "Talking Transition" meeting for the next mayor on Saturday 1/18 9-4.

Please sign up at <http://www.talkingtransitiondc.com>

V. Citizens' Federation

Ramon - Award citizen activist of the year last month

ABRA Task Force - Taking volunteers now

VI. Design and Development

A. 13/U PUD fence is going on next week, early Feb demolition and digging

Fighting to make sure to keep sidewalks open as regulations require they not close the sidewalk.

Wallach residents are fighting their own battles individually instead of collectively. What about rat abatement?

B. Reeves Center

No update

VII. ABRA Committee

A. Newtown

Wallach neighbors kept calling ABRA every time there was a violation: inside noise, trash, etc. Bad behavior by owner at hearings. Neighbors compiled written record and was used at the protest hearing of their renewal. Enough volume and right timing resulting in ABRA putting new restrictions on license.

Ron would like to have developers all here together to discuss their thoughts on development direction.

VIII. Membership

Emailed renewal notices to 17 accounts. Some residents still don't have email which we need to find or help give them.

IX. New business

None

X. Adjournment

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