

# SDCA Membership Meeting 2/19/2015

## I. Call to Order

19:08 at Policy 2nd floor

Ferris, McKay, Lawrentz, Podgornik, Radee

Estrada, Coumaris, Rotz, Page, Colin, Bazilla

Marvin McFadden, DDOT

## II. Secretary

January Minutes approved

## III. Treasurer

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

Received Invoice for Federation Membership (June-June)

## IV. Community Announcements

### A. Funk Parade Pre-party

March 12 @ Howard Theatre

### B. Brianna is looking for action items

brianne.nadeau@dccouncil.us

## V. Discussion with DDOT's Marvin McFadden

About Marvin:

Marvin McFadden, Public Space Inspection Manager Wards 1-3

Oversees \$10b of construction for dc

33 years in all aspects of construction

marvin.mcfadden@dc.gov

Q: Activity on PUD at 13/U

A: DDOT inspector Raymond McLloyd works 0630-1500

rite aid popup trailer set up

trailer is only 1' from fire hydrant and is a potential safety issue. ddot, dcf, and dc water will have an inspection next monday

Q: Wheel chair access is not possible although there's a ramp there

A: Will need to consult ADA expert

Q: What are the hours of construction?

A: 0930 - 0300

Q: How many inspectors per ward?

A: Depends on construction activity, but Marvin has 10 inspectors.

Q: If 13th St is the staging area for this project, where are the trucks going after they leave the area? Had a bad experience with trucks driving the wrong way on Wallach in a previous job.

A: U to 9th. Need to check the traffic control plan to make sure. There aren't enough inspectors so residents please speak up when something is wrong.

A: The new administration wants you to use the 311 system. "I work better with emails - please email me with the 311 number"

Q: I put in a couple public space complaints into 311 and I never saw any remedies. What happened? What is the rule for public space?

A: Please talk to me offline and we can try to resolve these issues.

Elwyn presented 3 dossiers:

Q: Lupo Verde illegal tent in public space. Why were they only given a warning and not a citation? This is a double standard since residents get citations when they violate public space (illegal parking).

A: Sidewalk creep is an increasing problem in DC. Need to go back to do more research to see why citation was not issued. Jernigan does cafe/valet parking. Stacy Collins is Marvin's counterpart in that division.

Q: Amsterdam Falafel is keeping their trash cans on public space 100% of the time. Many neighbors have written to get it changed. But nothing happens.

A: Will talk with Bernadette and DPW about this.

Q: Is there a regulation for A-frame signboards?

A: Yes. They must within 3 feet of the face of the building. Any sign in the middle of the sidewalk or on the curb is in violation. There is a task force forming to give violations and confiscate signs starting in April. Also, if valet parking has a key booth on the curb, then they can't have a sign advertising valet: they can have one or the other.

Q: Incorrect parking signage (on 1300 T St)

A: Tracy Kohls is DDOT's parking administrator

Q: Who handles parking on public space?

A: DPW. Marvin's DDOT division does not write parking tickets at all.

Q: Speed Bumps?

A: Street bridge maintenance department - program manager Reggie Arno

Q: Terrible street on 1300 block of S. And 1400 S southern alley.

A: Contact the asset management department: Engineer Delanta Toyer.

Q: And bike signs?

A: If DDOT tags a bike and it is there for over 10 days, it should have the chain cut and taken away.

Q: What's your workload like?

A: Inspected some 50000 permits across the entire city with 22 inspectors.

Q: Your team's enforcement hours?

A: 0600 - 2330 Mon-Sat

## VI. Design and Development Committee

### A. Zoning Rewrite

Reported that it is slow-going.

### B. Reeves Center

Reported that it is not under consideration for a land swap.

## **C. Garrison Elementary**

Jack Evans has announced his public support to keeping the school open and restoring the renovation funding that was taken away.

## **D. 1B Design Committee**

Has a new name and now a chair and vice-chair. Guy to find out.

## **E. DPR Space**

No news on the 1300 S space.

## **VII. ABRA Committee**

### **A. DC Nightlife Noise Coalition**

Trying to change the law so that any resident can file a noise complaint regardless of the zoning they live in. Currently only people who live in R zonings can file complaints. This takes out a lot of condo residents.

### **B. Oversight Hearing February 20 10:00am Room 500**

Persons wishing to testify contact: Peter Johnson, [pjohnson@dccouncil.us](mailto:pjohnson@dccouncil.us), or by calling 202-727-6683.

## **VIII. Membership**

## **IX. New Business**

None

## **X. Adjournment**

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