

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, or by calling 202-727-6683.

VIII. Membership

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjournment

20:35