

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2012
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Janet Quigley, Sharon Weiss, Lisa Wilson, Elizabeth Nelson, Paul Cromwell, Donna Hanousek, Maurice Walters, Drury Tallant, Chuck Burger, Barbara Eck, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Lisa Dale Jones, Gloria Junge

Meeting Minutes – Janet Quigley

- The minutes of the January 17th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to approve the January minutes passed on voice vote.

Financial Report - Sharon Weiss

- A report was included in the monthly meeting packet that included the balance sheet as of 1/31/2012, income statement for January broken out by committee, and January check register. Sharon reported that \$500 had been received from the Committee of 100 as agreed. The annual audit is in process with a report expected in March.
- The Endowment Committee will meet on February 22.

President's Report – Beth Purcell

- Nancy Metzger submitted her resignation on February 8, 2012 following her appointment to the Historic Preservation Review Board.
- **Moved, seconded and approved unanimously:** A motion to name Shauna Holmes the new Chair of the Historic Preservation Committee.
- Membership Forum: Catherine Buell, HPRB Chair, has agreed to speak at the March 27 forum which will take place at Maury Elementary School, 1250 Constitution Ave., NE.
- Newsletter: Beth reminded everyone to submit articles before or no later than the editorial deadline, which is the Monday after the monthly meeting.
- House Tour ticket request: A local church requested two tickets for a fundraiser. The request was referred to the House Tour Chair.

House Tour / Web Site – Paul Cromwell

- The tour dates are May 12-13, 2012. It will feature the section of northeast Capitol Hill bounded by Massachusetts Avenue, East Capitol Street, 2nd Street and 11th Street, all NE. The hours are 4-7 pm Saturday and 12-5pm Sunday. There will be a tea Sunday at a location TBD.
- Volunteers are needed for the ticket sales tent. A signup sheet has been created in Google docs.
- The President's Party will be June 10, 2012 3-5 pm at Hill's Kitchen.
- 17 brochures from previous house tours have been added to the web site. One house history has been posted; more are welcome.

Historic Preservation / Preservation Cafe – Shauna Holmes

- 700 Constitution Ave., NE (old MedLink Hospital): The Committee submitted comments regarding HPA 12-150 to HPRB on February 15.

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- Oversight Hearing on the Office of Planning and Historic Preservation Office, February 9, 2012: CHRS signed onto testimony offered by the Historic Districts Coalition.
- HPO Design Guidelines: HPO is requesting comment on Utility Meters. Shauna will provide comments.
- 1310 East Capitol Street, NE, HPA 11-488: Shauna testified at the Mayor's Agent Hearing on February 10, 2012. The Mayor's Agent decision will be announced at a later date.
- Preservation Café: Will feature HPRB staff member Amanda Molson on March 21.

Eastern Market Governance Legislation – Monte Edwards

- EMCAC submitted a report to Councilmember Wells on February 3, 2012 outlining 15 concerns with the proposed legislation, including preservation of flea market space and community use spaces.
- Paul or Chuck will add an ANC link to the CHRS website.

Transportation – Shauna Holmes

- CSX/Virginia Avenue Tunnel (VAT): Shauna attended the first Section 106 review meeting of consulting parties in mid February. All the organizations CHRS recommended for consulting party status were invited. In addition the Navy Yard, NAVFAC, the Marine Barracks and the Historic Districts Coalition will be cooperating parties. The next step is to identify and address adverse effects. CSX is winnowing down alternatives and will make a presentation in March. Monte suggested that Councilmember Wells be informed of the potential impacts on the City.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- A report was included in the packet regarding six BZA cases and one Zoning Commission case (Hine School) to be discussed at the March 15 Committee meeting.
- The Committee is seeking additional members.
- Gary distributed and discussed the Zoning Rewrite Task Force's proposed updates to residential zoning requirements. They will be posted on the CHRS web site.
- Hine: The first Design Committee meeting will take place February 22. CHRS should consider a Special Membership Meeting in May or June to discuss the Planned Unit Development.

Community Development – Monte Edwards

- Northeast Library: On March 10 the library will celebrate the 80th anniversary of its opening in 1932. Historian and George Washington University professor John Vlach will narrate a slide show of photographs from the 1930's.

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Metro Hub – Chuck Burger

- Chuck distributed a signage proposal from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for an electronic billboard and announcement screen called a Public Information Display System, to be located at the Waterfront Metro Station.

Newsletter – Lisa Dale Jones

- CSX/VAT, Preservation Café, Nancy Metzger appointment, house tour, NE Library, Zoning Rewrite, Presidents Column, Calendar, Membership Forum, Overbeck Lecture with Mary Gray.
- The print edition comes out around the 6th of the month.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is March 20, 2012.