

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2012
HOME OF MICHELLE CARROLL, 1001 C STREET SE, WASHINGTON DC, 20003

Present

Janet Quigley, Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Elizabeth Nelson, Michelle Carroll, Maurice Walters, Chuck Burger, Lisa Dale Jones, Kelly Vielmo, Barbara Eck, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Doriann Fengler, Lisa Wilson, Gloria Junge

Meeting Minutes – Doriann Fengler

- The minutes of the September 18th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.
Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the September minutes passed on voice vote.

Financial Report - Sharon Weiss (unable to attend)

- Report as of September 30 2012 in packet.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- Virginia Avenue Tunnel CXS-EIS – **Moved, Seconded and Approved** to authorize Shauna and Janet to submit comments on behalf of the Board.
- Check Signing: **Moved, Seconded and Approved** to authorize Janet Quigley to sign checks.
- Fall Member's Forum: Members voted unanimously to approve the 2013 Budget.
- Fall Members Reception and Auction: Michelle Carroll is collecting items.
- Web Redesign Committee- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released to public on October 6th Prospective bidders will be provided a Request for Proposal.
- House Tour 2013: The committee is in the process of contacting homeowners in the area of 1st to 5th and Pennsylvania to G Street, SE.
- Virginia Avenue Tunnel/ CSX- EIS- Shauna, Monte and Janet attended a presentation September 27th at the Capitol Skyline Hotel. Approximately 80 neighbors from Southwest attended and voiced numerous concerns. It was followed by breakout sessions where approximately 15 representatives provided information on a variety of topics such as traffic, construction, noise, archaeology and a comparison of various options for expanding freight service through Capitol Hill. Ironically, the turnout was so large and the din so loud that meaningful discussion was impossible. Individual comments can be submitted to contact@virginiaavenuetunnel.com through October 26th.
- VAT/CSX- Section 106'' On September 26th Shauna represented CHRS at a meeting for the Section 106 Consulting Parties where the VAT team brought representatives up to date regarding their survey of historic properties that could be affected by the project, current project alternatives, their preliminary effects assessment and the next steps in the historic preservation review process.
- Budget: Gloria will be sending out letters to members for the Annual Fund campaign in November. Combined Federal Campaign Started October 1st and ends November 30th.

Report from Web Redesign Team – Elizabeth Nelson

- RFQ – no response, there is still time. Will send out again.

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- Historic Preservation page in the design specifications will be updated before the RFP is sent out.

Auction House Tour– Michelle Carroll

- Review of poster options for house tour.
- Looking for other public venues.
- Reminder: Zoning needs to checkout houses to ensure there are no issues.
- Auction is November 13th. Need Action items. Discussed possibility of auctioning off donated bottles of wine. Accepting donations.
- Need help before event.

Community Development – Monte Edwards

- Nothing to report

Beyond the Boundaries Environment Committee Report: Washington Navy Yard–Beth Purcell

- Reports included in packet.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- Hine will have to go back to HPRB.
- We received one call about our zoning rewrite program regarding a concern about alley lots. There are 800 alley lots about 400 could potentially be used as a dwelling. This was always possible. The only real difference is now we have standards. It is the applicant's responsibility, not the cities to put in sewers and water.
- OP will have meetings in every ward.
- There will be an opportunity to comment or send a letter.
- When zoning regulations get sent out, Gary will summarize for the board.
- Two cases 426 11th Street wants to add a third story and Edmonds school wants to put in 20 units.
- Two hearings – Nov 5th Green area ration and Nov 8th Gary will testify and submit a letter on the definition of height.
- Gary went to city council round table. They can't influence anything because they have no role.

Historic Preservation – Shauna Holmes

- September 10th DDOT sent out an invitation to submit comments their proposed mitigation measures for the adverse effects on historic properties of the One City Streetcar Line along H Street and Benning Road NE. Shauna submitted comments on behalf of CHRS, and they are included in the meeting packet along with DDOT's list of Proposed Mitigation Measures. The proposed new Car Barn Training Center on the grounds of Spingarn High School will be on the agenda at HPRB's November 1 meeting. Shauna received the Car Barn plans by email just prior to the start of this meeting.

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Shauna will testify about the Car Barn proposal on behalf of CHRS at HPRB's November 1 meeting.

- Edmond school is on the agenda next month.
- Stuart Hobson is on the agenda this month. CHRS's Historic Preservation Committee comments did not support the plans for an addition.
- 1211 Gth street SE will be on agenda this month, and we support the proposal.

Newsletter –Lisa Dale Jones and Kelly Vielmo

Collecting articles for next newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is November 20, 2012.