

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2012
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Janet Quigley, Sharon Weiss, Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Elizabeth Nelson, Lisa Dale Jones, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Paul Cromwell, Doriann Fengler, Gloria Junge

Observers: Larry Janezick

Meeting Minutes – Doriann Fengler

- The minutes of the October 16th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.
Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the October minutes passed on voice vote.

Financial Report - Sharon Weiss

- Board Financial Statement as of October 31 2012 in packet.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- **Fall Auction:** Was held at the Eastern Market North Hall. Approximately \$1200 was collected.
- **Annual Fund:** A solicitation Letter will be sent to members the day after Thanksgiving.
- **Mayor's Agent 1310 East Capitol Decision:** She sent a news release to the Hill Rag and some other outlets about the successful outcome of the case. The press release is on the website.
- **Height Act:** NCPC and OP will begin a year-long study in December. Richard Simon of the LA Times in Washington Bureau is working on a story and asked if he could quote from our letter to congress. She said yes.
- **December Meeting:** Mimi Wolf wants to maintain involvement with CHRS and is hoping to come to the December meeting.
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House Histories on the Web:– Paul Cromwell

- Debbie Bell entered in all the information on 9 houses. Hopefully there will be much more to follow.
- Request for all board members to submit any information on their houses if they have any.

Update from Web Redesign Team – Elizabeth Nelson

- Received one bid, expecting more.
- Discussion to try to make a decision via email, to keep to our self imposed deadlines.
- Adding house histories depending, on the quantity, could have an impact on the scope of the work.

Auction and House Tour:– Michelle (unable to attend)

- Moving forward. Four houses on list so far. Shauna and Gary will get info on houses before they go to contract.

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Environment:—Beth Purcell

- Audubon’s Annual Christmas Bird Count. December 15 Saturday, 7:00 am. Meet at the parking lot, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, 1150 Anacostia Avenue, NE. CHRS will pay the administration fee for all members. Details Paul Pisano 703-685-3790 or [cheep@.Allealle.com](mailto:cheep@Allealle.com).
- January 23 Wednesday, 11:00am. Community Forum: Interagency Responsibilities for the Anacostia River. Anacostia Community Museum, 1901 Fort Place, SE. RSVP:633-4844.

Community Development – Monte Edwards

- CSX 1st Meeting on Long Bridge. CSX is running the show and limiting access to information. They will not share projections for number of trains. In addition, the study area is significantly limited.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- Office of Planning – Ward 6 meeting on zoning rewrite is scheduled for December 8th from 10-12. Location TBD.
- Interested people can subscribe to the Blog. If you subscribe, you participate (ask questions).
- Janet attended the Zoning commission meeting last night. Hine in project is approved and moving forward.

Historic Preservation – Shauna Holmes

- Shauna Holmes testified at HPRB on behalf of CHRS on November 1, 2012. A copy of the testimony in which CHRS opposed locating a streetcar **Car Barn on the campus of Spingarn High School**, as well as the proposed design of the Car Barn, is in the Board packet.
- CHRS also testified in support of rehabilitating the **Salvation Army building** at 1211 G Street, SE, for adaptive reuse as apartments and construction of a new apartment building next door on the site of a corner parking lot.
- **Section 106 comments on Union Station’s Main Hall** project were due November 15. The CHRS comment letter is in the Board packet. In brief, we opposed it, as did every other organization in the Union Station Preservation Coalition. In addition, the Coalition had a very productive meeting on November 15 with Amtrak, Akridge, and the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation at which CHRS was represented by Drury Tallant and Shauna Holmes.
- CHRS will also present testimony at the November 29 HPRB meeting on two projects and the **nomination of Spingarn High School** to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places. The letters to HPRB from the CHRS Historic Preservation Committee regarding the two projects are in the Board packet.
 - **901 D Street NE (former Edmonds School)** – The Committee supports renovation of the Edmonds School for adaptive reuse for condos and constructing four new townhouses on the school site.

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- **319 A Street NE (rear, in Millers Court)** – The Committee supports the proposed design of a new 2-story alley dwelling on the site of two 1-story garages, with suggestions for revisiting some design elements. It also expressed concern about decades of demolition by neglect of the historic garage that would be demolished for the new residence, as well as the message that would be sent should its demolition be approved. The Committee neither supports nor opposes demolition of the historic secondary structure.
- CHRS also submitted **Section 106 comments on the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Project**'s preliminary assessment of effects on historic properties. A copy of the letter is in the Board packet. In brief, we agreed the project will have adverse effects on the Capitol Hill Historic District, the L'Enfant Plan for the City of Washington, and the historic tunnel itself; made the case for considering a broader range of effects; and expressed concern about how permanent tracks in Alternative 3 and a temporary runaround track in Alternative 2 would go even closer to fragile historic structures than we had previously thought.

Newsletter –Lisa Dale Jones

Collecting articles for next newsletter December-January combined issue.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is December 18, 2012.