

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2013
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Janet Quigley, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Paul Cromwell, Sharon Weiss, Lisa Dale Jones, Shauna Holmes, Monte Edwards, Maurice Walters, Drury Tallant, Doriann Fengler, Gloria Junge

Meeting Minutes : Doriann Fengler

- The minutes of the February 19th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.
Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the February minutes.
Unanimous.

Financial Report – Sharon Weiss

- Update attached.
- Change savings account to an account that will earn more interest.
- Funds for grants are set up in three separate accounts so they can be tracked.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- Members meeting went well with approximately 60 members attending.
- Capitol Hill Village has invited CHRS to Co-host a housing symposium regarding Capitol Hill Housing options. The event is May 5th. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to co-host the Forum was approved. Unanimous.
- For a City Council oversight hearing about the Office of Planning, CHRS signed a letter by the DC Preservation League, which complimented HPO's performance, highlighted a need for guidance about demolition-by-neglect, and called for increased resources for enforcement.
- House tour May 11-12. The footprint is between First, Third, C and F SE. There are 11 houses and four Gardens. The American Legion is hosting refreshments. Donna Barbisch will host the homeowner's reception. There is a sign up list for volunteers to sell tickets for the house tour.
- Significant house tour dates:
 - 4/5 Brochure deadline for sponsor acknowledgements
 - 4/15 Tickets available in stores
 - 4/19 Last day for membership discount tickets
 - 4/20 Ticket sales begin at Eastern Market
 - 4/30 Reception for Homeowners
- Appointments. EMCAC: Barbara Eck has announced she will resign as CHRS' representative on the EMCAC board. A new representative will be identified. City Planning Committee Chair: This seat was formerly held by Dick Wolf. With Board

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ratification, **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion was made to appoint Monte to City Planning Committee Chair. Unanimous.

- **Endowment Committee:** Met February 25. No changes were recommended

Website Design: – Donna Breslin

- Plan for first page and follow-on pages.

Website Content: – Paul Cromwell

- Lots of old content that needs to either be updated and/or archived.
- We should post everything on the website that goes out on CHRS letterhead.
- Each committee should update their information.
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Capitol Place Grant Program: – Drury Tallant

- We have to decide exactly what we want to target this money for.
- We need to have criteria spelled out before we do anything.

11th Street Bridge update/DDot Barney Circle Study: Shauna Holmes/Beth Purscell

- DDot had not made the case that the project is needed. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** Motion to send a letter to the Program manager of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative stating our position, draft letter is attached. Unanimous.

Historic Preservation: –Shauna Holmes

- DDot is taking bids for a company to manage standing billboard ads at Capital Bikeshare locations. Committee of One Hundred received a letter from DDOT in July. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** Motion to send a letter on behalf of CHRS raising concerns. 10 years and 1 nays.
- Union Station Coalition – Drury submitted comments on behalf of CHRS. Work to repair arthquake damage has delayed the proposed escalator project that would require placing holes in the floor of the Main Hall.
- Office of Planning. We endorsed the DC Preservation League’s testimony.
- We supported Charles Wilson’s nomination to HPRB, and the City Council has confirmed his appointment.
- The Historic Preservation Office released its 2016 preservation plan draft. The Historic Preservation Committee is submitting comments. April 25 there will be a Public Meeting, and the deadline for public comment is April 30.

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- Shauna Testified on 4 cases at the HPRB meetings on February 28 and March 7th. Testimony is in the packet.

Community Development – Monte Edwards

- Monte testified at the DDot oversight on the Virginia Ave Tunnel.
- More vehicle commuters every day than NYC. 2% of our commuters are using commuter rail.
- Eastern Market – Working with Historic Preservation office to address potential issues with Acoustic treatments and glazing of windows for food spoilage protection.
- VRE wants to electrify southwest.
- Amtrak and VRE have to operate under freight laws.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- Zoning meeting will be this Thursday – we have eight cases.
- Heritage Foundation will be rescheduled for April.
- K Street and Florida NE – wants to create two units in 1,000 square foot lot with two buildings.

Newsletter – Lisa Dale Jones

- Reviewed possible articles for next newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm