

**CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 17, 2014**

SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Lisa Dale Jones, Monte Edwards, Patrick Crowley, Chuck Burger, Drury Tallant, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Larry Pearl, Maurice Walters, Ben Klay, Jeff Fletcher, Justine Bello, Susan Burgerman, Gloria Junge

Guest Presentation on ANC 6B & Historic Preservation – Dave Garrison

David Garrison discussed upcoming changes at ANC 6B and how they relate to historic preservation.

Meeting Minutes – Susan Burgerman

- The minutes of the May meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet. Monte submitted revisions to the Historic Preservation section. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to approve the May minutes as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Patrick Crowley (included in packet)

- CHRS financial status is sound. Operating income for current FY as of June 16 is \$87,436; operating expenses are \$58,711; leaving a net income of \$28,725.
- House Tour expenses were below budget. Some revenues are not in as of June 16, but Patrick anticipates that the final net will be approximately \$53,800.
- Draft budget for FY14: Patrick has reorganized the Chart of Accounts has clarified the individual committee budgets. A draft of the proposed budget was discussed; Patrick will revise per recommendations and will disseminate to board members for an email vote. A one-page version will appear in the next newsletter.

President's Report – Lisa Dale Jones (Janet Quigley's report included in packet)

- The June membership meeting and member's forum was held on June 4 at the Hill Center; it was very well attended.
- The Endowment Committee met June 2. The current endowment balance is \$258,000.
- The Fall membership meeting and forum will be held the second or third week of September, possibly at Maury Elementary. Several ideas for topics were discussed: it was suggested that anything to do with the school system is already covered in other venues. Beyond the Boundaries is not yet ready for presentation. Given the recent interest in and new discussions of easements and greenspaces, these could be good topics.

Grant Committee – Larry Pearl (report in packet)

- Two proposals were submitted to the board for approval. **Motion** to approve both proposals was **unanimously approved**.
- The cost of a third proposal was discussed; the board did not consider it so high as to merit withholding approval. **Motion** to approve release of funds was **unanimously approved**.

Website Team progress report – Elizabeth Nelson

- Several new functions will be added to the site: when posts appear on the homepage they will say “posted on date” to avoid confusion with the date of the events in the posts; added flyover-help or drop-down menus, as examples. While we are receiving regular backups of the website, we haven't been trained to use them to restore. We will have the developer provide this training.
- **Motion** to switch host from DCAccess to another service provider, such as WebHSP **approved**.
- Recommendation: the financials page should contain the current budget, the budget proposed for the next FY when appropriate, the balance sheet from the previous FY, and the most recent IRS 990 filing. **Moved, seconded, approved.**
- Elizabeth requested that committee submissions to the website be made routine. For example, content on zoning and historic preservation, board meeting minutes, and other organizations' events for the calendar.
- The CHRS accomplishments page needs to be updated and enlarged.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell (testimony previously distributed by email)

- Coming up for the June HPRB meeting: the shotgun house at 1229 E St SE – only two such houses remain on Capitol Hill, and the owner wants to raze the property by neglect. The options for this house are 1) to restore it; 2) to demolish the original and replicate it; 3) to demolish and replace it with a project of special merit. **Motion** to oppose a raze permit **unanimously approved**.
- The church conversion at 819 D St NE, with the revisions proposed, promises to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.
- The structural problems in 719 12 St SE that were discussed at the last board meeting have been resolved.
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City Planning – Monte Edwards

Dick Wolf Lecture: a planning meeting took place on June 10. Seven academic and city government organizations, including the Office of Planning and Office of Historic Preservation, support the project and will participate. The plan is to launch with a call for papers in fall and to hold the first event in January 2015. Beth is putting together an information sheet that will include Dick Wolf's bio; once this is completed the committee will send out announcements and advertise the competition citywide.

CHRS Warehouse – Gloria Junge

Gloria requested volunteers to help clear out the office warehouse. Once the contents are organized and the space cleared out, what remains can be moved to a smaller storage unit. Tasks include:

- donating archival records to the Gelman Library at GWU;

- recycling old house tour brochures;
- getting rid of ladders, preferably by donating them;
- organizing loose documents and papers.

Zoning – Gary Peterson (absent, report in packet)

New Business

- Elizabeth presented a letter from DDOT reversing its former stance on reservation 266. She will email to board members – this represents a major victory for CHRS.
- A fond farewell to Gloria Junge.

Newsletter – Justine Bello

President’s Column – Lisa
Proposed FY 2014 budget – Patrick
Breweries article – author?
Preservation Notes – Beth
11th St Bridge update – Beth
Evergreen article – Beth
Election results – Beth or Gary
Zoning Briefs – Gary
Reservation 266 update – Elizabeth

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm