

## **Minutes Capitol Hill Restoration Society**

**Board Meeting November 21, 2017**

**Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building**

**750 6<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Washington DC**

The following members were present:

Elizabeth Nelson, Monte Edwards, Susan Oursler, Susan Burgerman, Joanna Kendig, Beth Purcell, Chuck Burger, Undine Nash, Gary Peterson

Absent were Adam Apton, Patrick Lally, Michelle Carroll, Steve Kehoe, Tina May, Janet Quigley, Lisa Dale Jones, and Greg Holyman

Also present were: Carl Spier and Angie Schmidt

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. The minutes were agreed to as amended.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Adam Apton was absent but had provided updated financial information for Board review. Elizabeth reported that the House Expo numbers were not complete, but would be circulated to the board once they were finalized.

Elizabeth reported that the Endowment Committee met. Due to some recent bequests which were received in the past year, some additional bequests that CHRS anticipates receiving in 2018, and prudent investments, the endowment now totals approximately \$500,000, and is generating substantial revenues. The endowment committee is recommending that CHRS use some of the revenue. Given current revenue rates, Elizabeth said that the committee calculates that we might have approximately \$10,000 to spend in 2018, but cautions that we should not plan on long term projects. It was further recommended that the Board not take on any projects that would extend beyond 2.5 years, or that would require expenditure of principle. Elizabeth asked Board members to prepare proposals for any ideas they might have. The proposals will be evaluated and prioritized in conjunction with the FY2018-2019 budget.

Susan B suggested that the funds might be used for capital improvements. Elizabeth noted that the Norman Metzger photo project (which is being funded in the 2017-2018 budget) would be the type of project that CHRS might fund. Chuck suggested that we might want to look at using the money for projects that would generate more money such as increasing membership. Gary suggested spending money on historic district surveys.

## **President's Report**

Elizabeth recommended members of the 2018 Election Committee. The recommendations were: Monte Edwards (Chairman), Beth Purcell, and Nancy Metzger. Elizabeth thanked those willing to serve. Susan Burgerman made a motion to agree to the committee membership, and Undine seconded. The panel was agreed to by voice vote.

Michelle was unable to attend the meeting, but Elizabeth reported that the House Tour Committee will meet on November 30. The committee has identified five potential houses, and is working with local realtor Maria Strylowski to identify additional tour houses. The American Legion Hall is booked for the Sunday reception. The agenda for the November 30 meeting will include advertising, catalog layout, etc. Next year's catalog will feature pen and ink drawing of the houses which had been a traditional component of the catalog until recent years.

Local contractor Gary Barnhardt is doing a lecture on masonry on January 20 and is calling CHRS co-sponsors of the lecture.

CHRS has been contacted by 6B commissioner, Daniel Ridge, about an idea for a maker space.

CHRS has received a donation of \$500 for children's activities in 2018.

## **Historic Preservation**

Beth reported on the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. The owner has revised plans that would once again eliminate the arches, contrary to HPRB's order.

She also reported on a proposal to convert 716-718 L Street to a Black Box theater and office condos.

Also, she reported on the A Frame Church at 1015 D Street, NE. The owners have agreed to keep many historic details in the church while renovating to include two apartments.

## **Zoning**

Gary reported on actions taken at the November 9 Zoning Committee meeting. The committee had considered the following cases:

818 Potomac Avenue, SE. In this case, the owner requested exceptions to the lot occupancy requirement, retail use requirement, and penthouse setback requirement. The committee agreed to support the application.

19 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NE Rear. This was a request to convert a carriage house/warehouse to a rental unit. The committee voted to agree to support the request provided that a construction management agreement is established.

602 E Street, SE. This case would convert a row house into a two unit project, which would require six variances and one special exception. Neighbors have objected to the project. The committee voted to oppose the variances.

508 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. The owner wishes to remove an existing a one story rear addition and replace it with a two story addition. The committee voted to support the application.

### **City Planning**

Monte reported on the program to extend street car service from H Street to Georgetown. Although there are questions about the location of a maintenance facility, it will be outside the Capitol Hill Historic district. The board agreed to take no action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.