

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2015

6:30PM, BY TELECONFERENCE

Present

Lisa Dale Jones, Monte Edwards, Susan Burgerman, Undine Nash, Jeff Fletcher, Jim Taylor, Mary Wadleigh, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Carl Spier

Meeting Minutes: Susan Burgerman

- The minutes of the January 19, 2015 meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet. **Moved:** A motion to approve the January minutes, **seconded and approved.**

Treasurer's Report – Patrick Crowley

Patrick was unable to attend, will send report by email later, to be discussed at the March meeting.

President's Report – Lisa Dale Jones

- 60th anniversary event: attendance was at least 110, the majority seemed to be longtime members and past activists. Hopefully, stories of past activism will invigorate a new generation of members. Photographs of the event, and transcripts and audio of the main speakers, are on the website.
- Lisa and Hazel Kreinheder were interviewed for WAMU's Metro Connection on February 6, another opportunity to remind the greater community of the important role CHRS has played in the city's history.
- DC Council Oversight Hearings: Lisa will testify at DDOT oversight hearing on March 6. CHRS comments will also be included in DCPL's testimony.
- Patrick Crowley has volunteered to chair the House Tour Committee. **Motion** to approve nomination, **seconded and approved** unanimously.
- On recommendation of Board members Gary Peterson and Monte Edwards, Lisa sent a letter to the Mayor supporting Laura Richards' appointment to the Zoning Board.
- Dick Wolf Lecture: vote to ratify the committee's choice of William King as winning candidate, **all in favor.**
- Discussion of how to share the workload presently carried by the CHRS President.

Dick Wolf Lecture Update – Monte Edwards

- William King, the professor who nominated his paper, and the Dean of Georgetown Law (who is also Mayor's Agent) have been notified of the committee's decision. Both are former CHRS board members, will attend the program, and might be included in the program, possibly as commentators.
- Other faculty who submitted papers were thanked for their participation. Those who did not respond to the invitation to submit were sent notes reminding them that this will be an annual event, should they choose to participate in the future.
- The Committee of 100 will broadcast the press release to its email list.

- An ad will be run in the next Hill Rag – ads and articles are needed for other media venues. The program has a healthy budget for publicity. There was a discussion of where to place the Hill Rag ad.

CSX Tunnel Update – Monte Edwards

- The hearing on C100’s application for preliminary injunction – which was originally scheduled for the morning of February 17, but snowed out – has been rescheduled for 9:30am Friday, February 20.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell (sent by email)

- Revised plans for former garage at 645 Maryland NE are not compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District, based on the setback, size and massing of the building. HPRB hearing is later in February.
- Proposal to add a rear addition that closes off the dogleg behind 510 Independence SE was found compatible by HPRB.
- Beth noted that, regarding the recent remodeling of La Lomita, CHRS had reached out to the architect and the result was a greatly improved project.

Preservation Café Update – Elizabeth Nelson

- The March café speaker will be Gary Barnhart, who will give a presentation on bad renovations. It will take place at the new location – conference room at the Kaiser building – and will end later than in the past because the room is available for more time than was Ebenezer.
- Elizabeth is open to suggestions for the April and May cafés.

Hill Rag 60th Anniversary Articles – Elizabeth Nelson and Greg Holeyman

- Two articles were submitted for the February issue, but both were rejected for stylistic reasons. Lisa is working with the authors to resolve this problem and Elizabeth is exploring alternate sources of articles with Andrew Lightman.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.