

**CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2015
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY
BUILDING**

Present

Lisa Dale Jones, Susan Burgerman, Adam Apton, Susan Oursler, Scott Davis, Chuck Burger, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Monte Edwards, Undine Nash, Gloria Junge, Carl Spier

Meeting Minutes: Gloria Junge

The minutes of the October 2015 meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet. Corrections made.

- **Moved:** A motion to approve the October minutes, **seconded and approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Adam Apton

Adam's explained the new format for the monthly Treasurer's report. There are 3 columns. The first for two months, the second for one month and the last for 2015-16. There was one question about the Dick Wolf Lecture.

President's Report: Lisa Dale Jones

Lisa requested an official in person vote on Patti Martin as Membership Chair. All board members voted in favor.

Patti Martin will draft an end of year fundraising letter.

Lisa asked board members to decide if there should be a December board meeting. It was decided to not have a December meeting.

She mentioned the sad passing of Cindy Janke, that she e-mailed her family and there would be a note in the December newsletter.

Monte will discuss the Comprehensive Plan. Carl will discuss the meeting with a marketer.

On Friday, Lisa and Patrick will meet with a graphic designer for the house tour.

CHRS still needs board members for Communications, Budget/Admin and two At Large members.

EMCAC Update: Susan Oursler

The meeting consisted of:

The re-election of Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee Officers

Plans for the Holiday Season with music piped out for shoppers

Discussion of the Brownstone repair and loud speakers for the South and North Halls (inside and out). Both are used for events.

Asking for funding from the City.

Community Outreach - Preservation Café - Community Activities -
Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth discussed the Preservation Café and finding places to host the café as Ebernezer's is no longer available. Kasier is used when possible.

Scott suggested perhaps bars where attendees could be offered a discount on drinks. Some years ago, Preservation Café was held in the large upstairs room of Trattoria Alberto on Barracks Row. Also places that might host for free. CHRS should be seen more and the Preservation Café if held at various locations might provide exposure to CHRS. Suggested venues: Tunnickliffs or Mr. Henry's. There was discussion of the pros and cons of different locations including logistics. Perhaps there could be an outreach to childfree couples on the Hill.

There will be a Children's Craft Festival at Eastern Market; CHRS will staff a table.

City Planning: Monte Edwards

Monte discussed the Dick Wolf Lecture and the date. If held in March, what date? Last year it went very well with standing room only. CHRS needs to let people know in advance. Lisa will check with the Hill center to see if space is available. When planning the date, consider vacations. CHRS

should try for March 18. We have learned that there will be candidate submissions on pop-ups and affordable housing, as well as other subjects.

The Dick Wolf Memorial Committee will be the same as last year: Lisa, Scott, Mimi, Beth, Monte and Janet and with a possible outside/non-CHRS reviewer. Last year, the committee members reviewed the submissions, prepared the evaluations, and worked with the winning candidate in converting their submission into a 45 minute lecture.

Comprehensive Plan: There are two elements - two separate parts: Federal and D.C.

The National Capitol Planning has released the draft federal elements (except Parks and Open space).

Comments concerning the draft elements are due 7 December 2015. This year some parts of the Federal Plan are of interest: bike share signs and transportation.

Parks and open spaces will not be issued until next year - late 2016.

CHRS will focus on parks and open spaces.

Billboards and illuminated signs are addressed under the NYPC draft Comprehensive Plan.

RFK Redevelopment and the Anacostia Watershed.

There are two newsletter articles on the (October and November) on RFK redevelopment in the context of the Anacostia Watershed Initiative as well as articles in the Hill Rag and East of the River.

CSX/Virginia Avenue Tunnel Litigation: The Committee of 100 preliminary injunction was denied. Judge denied discovery that was requested by the C100 concerning impact on commuter and passenger rail that was also denied. Success is doubtful.

OFFICE: Carl Spier

The Microsoft Access Membership Database has been improved (FY 2014, 2015, YTD), enabling a report to be obtained that shows renewals from year to year. We are working with a volunteer who is expert in Access/Sequel; we are aiming to build reports that are more useful than presently available.

The meeting ended at 8:57 pm.