

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for February 16, 2016
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community
Building**

Present:

Lisa Dale Jones, Adam Apton, Susan Burgerman, Patrick Crowley,
Susan Oursler, Scott Davis, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Monte
Edwards, Greg Holeyman, Gloria Junge, Gary Peterson, Mary
Wadleigh, Patti Martin, Carl Spier,
Observer Larry Janezich

Meeting Minutes: Gloria Junge

The minutes of the January meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.

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

Treasurer's Report: Adam Apton

Adam's gave summary of his report (copy included in board packet) which covered January 2016 thru February 2016.

President's Report: Lisa Dale Jones

Lisa requested a vote for Steve Kehoe to be the Communications Chair since not enough board members replied to the e-mail vote. A vote was called and all board members approved.

The President's report included two letters on Union Station. One letter was from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the other from the Committee of 100 on the Federal City. CHRS has been requested to have two representatives from CHRS.

The Nomination Committee for members of the next CHRS Board are Susan Oursler, Chair, Scott Davis, Beth Purcell and Elizabeth Nelson.

The Endowment Committee (John Shages, Patrick Crowley and Tom Graham) met about CHRS investments. CHRS approves.

The DCPL 45th anniversary awards nomination due date is 29 February 2016. CHRS will send a check and card.

The next CHRS membership meeting is February 24th at Maury School.

Membership Committee: Patti Martin

Patti gave a summary of the Membership Committee meeting. She discussed problems with the CHRS membership database. The problems need to be fixed and ongoing support will be necessary. She expressed concern on how CHRS is perceived -- CHRS is not always considered helpful. She suggested a survey be done for opinions. CHRS membership must grow and mentioned the suggestions from the Committee' meeting:

Board members host neighbors at their home to introduce them to CHRS.

CHRS host a historic preservation fair and a building trades fair.

CHRS have a renovator's house tour.

City Planning: Monte Edwards

Monte discussed the Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture. Brook Hill from the Georgetown University Law Center is the winner. His presentation is 'How to Retain Affordable Housing and Character of Place'. The lecture will be held at The Hill Center on Friday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will be followed by a discussion with guests from government, private-sector development and affordable housing advocacy: Allison Ladd, DC Department of Housing and Community Development, Buwa Binitie, Dantes Partners and Will Merrifield, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. There will be a reception at the end of the presentation that will afford an opportunity for the public to visit with Mr. Hill and the panelists. There will be an article in the Hill Rag and Scott Davis will prepare the posters which will be distributed around Capitol Hill.

An e-mail was included in the agenda on the survey for the District of Columbia State Rail Plan. The survey is available until March 1, 2016. The survey is from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to identify issues and opportunities associated with rail transportation in the District. DDOT is preparing a State Rail Plan to provide a framework for passengers and freight rail infrastructure shared by CSX, VRE, MARC, Amtrak and Norfolk Southern. The purpose of the survey is to identify the priorities of all stakeholders in D.C.

Zoning Committee: Gary Peterson

A copy of the February 11, 2016 Zoning Committee meeting was included in the agenda. The Zoning Committee had 7 cases:

1620-22 E Street, SE, 229 10th Street SE, 1247 E Street, SE, 230 12th Place, NE, 619 Elliot Street, NE, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE and 160 North Carolina Avenue, SE.

Gary said that the CHRS Board needs to vote on 1247 E Street, SE. The Zoning Committee voted 4 to 3 to support the application. Gary explained that the CHRS Board confirm this to vote because the committee needs a super majority to take a position for the Society. The CHRS Board vote was 6 opposed to 4 in favor.

House Tour: Patrick Crowley

CHRS needs to identify houses and advertisers for the 2016 House Tour.

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell

The Board agenda included testimony of the CHRS Historic Preservation Committee before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board on January 28, 2016.:

HPA 15-150 - 418-426 C Street, NE:

The CHRS Historic Preservation Committee stated they believed the project is consistent with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

HPA 16-100 631 Lexington Place, NE

The CHRS Historic Preservation Committee stated they believe, that after additional information is provided, the project may be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Preservation Café: Elizabeth Nelson

The March 17th Preservation Café will be held at Ebernezer's Café. The speaker will be Gary Barnhart.

The meeting ended at 7:56.