

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for May 17, 2016
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community
Building**

Present:

Lisa Dale Jones, Adam Apton, Susan Burgerman, Patrick Crowley,
Susan Oursler, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Steve Kehoe, Larry
Pearl, Carl Spier, Angie Schmidt
Observer: Larry Janezich

Meeting Minutes: Gloria Junge

Gloria was unable to attend the meeting. The April minutes as
circulated by Gloria prior to the meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Adam Apton

Adam's gave summary of his report (included in board packet) which
covered April 2016.

Swampoodle Grant Request: Larry Pearl

The owner of 612 4th St. NE has requested funding for the repair of the
cast iron steps on the property. His application is complete and
includes all relevant documentation. A check will not be processed until
the work has been completed satisfactorily. The board unanimously
approved the request.

President's Report: Lisa Dale Jones

- Monte was unable to attend the meeting so Lisa presented his request to have
the signed copy of the Mayor's Dick Wolf Proclamation, framed. The board
approved an amount not to exceed \$300 for this purpose.
- There will be a Membership Meeting June 15 in the chapel at Congressional
Cemetery. Topic: History and Programming at Historic Congressional Cemetery.
The election results will be announced during the business portion from 6:45-
7 p.m. with lecture to follow. The new board members/officers will be
invited to attend.
- President's Party will be from 2:30-4:30 on Sunday, June 12 at the
home of Undine and Carl Nash. Michelle Carroll has offered to take the
lead on the refreshments. All house tour volunteers will be invited,
including the hosts.
- The DCPL 45th Anniversary Awards ceremony was held May 14. CHRS

got an award for its “advocacy, education, community outreach efforts and for its early and sustained contributions to preservation efforts in Washington DC”. Lisa Dale Jones, Susan Burgerman and Patrick Crowley accepted the award on behalf of CHRS. Other board members in attendance: Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Janet Quigley

Membership Committee: Patti Martin

Susan O. presented the report, as Patti was unable to attend. The committee has discovered that the database platform currently in use (Access) will no longer be supported within the next year or so. Microsoft will not include Access in the Microsoft Office suite, but will offer a new version for a subscription fee. So other platforms are being considered. Whatever is chosen, the data will have to be migrated from the existing system to the new one and then the deficiencies in the data (for example, all caps) will be corrected. Elizabeth noted that this is an issue for the Beyond the Boundaries database as well. Susan responded that the committee was aware of that and was taking it into consideration. She presented an outline of the projected expenses of a mailing targeting potential members. The cost of using a professional service (\$1,899) was only slightly more than do-it-yourself (\$1,619) and the cost for color (if using the professional service) was the same as black and white. The board unanimously approved \$1,899 for the use of the professional service and color.

Eastern Market: Susan Oursler

The Mayor has proposed a five-year business plan for Eastern Market, merchants on 7th street and the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue and the new Hine development. Stakeholders are to be identified. However, there’s been a suggestion that EMCAC is itself a single stakeholder and therefore, might send only one member, who could not adequately represent the interests of all EMCAC components (vendors, neighbors, CHRS, etc.). CHRS will put itself forward as a stakeholder in its own right.

Zoning Committee: Gary Peterson

The committee did not meet so there was no report.

House Tour: Patrick Crowley

Patrick presented a financial report. Some items are still outstanding but the net is likely to be around \$26,000. Board members reported having received many positive comments about the houses and other aspects of the Tour.

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell

Beth's April and May testimony regarding 1101 Pennsylvania Ave. SE and 518 6th St. NE was included in the agenda packet but she was unable to attend the meeting.

President's Party and Fourth of July Parade: Elizabeth Nelson
Assistance will be needed to set up for the President's Party on July 12.

We need volunteers to march, also some sort of vehicle. Mardi Gras beads have been donated by another group. Elizabeth will ask Monte if he can drive his vintage Jag.

Preservation Café: Holeyman/Nelson

There won't be a Preservation Café in May.

Elections Update: Carl Spier

Ballots are due June 1. 102 ballots have been returned, well in excess of the 25 required. Nearly all (thus far) have been for the slate, so the election of those individuals seems likely.

Newsletter: Angie Schmidt

The new newsletter editor, Angie Schmidt, attended the meeting to introduce herself and get acquainted with the Board.

The meeting ended at 7:30.