

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting  
Minutes for 17 January, 2017  
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building  
750 6th Street SE, Washington DC**

**Present:** Elizabeth Nelson, Patrick Crowley, Susan Oursler, Justine Bello, Steve Kehoe, Beth Purcell, Joanna Kendig, Susan Burgerman, Monte Edwards, Patrick Lally, Chuck Burger

**Absent:** Adam Apton, Scott Davis, Janet Quigley, Lisa Dale Jones, Monte Edwards, Greg Holeyman, Undine Nash

**Guests:** Carl Spier, Angie, Muriel Wolf, Larry Janezich

The meeting was called to order at 6:33.

**Minutes: *Justine***

There are no additional corrections to the minutes. Susan O. moves to accept the minutes, Elizabeth seconds; the motion passes unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: *Adam (absent)***

Elizabeth summarizes the Treasurer's report in Adam's absence. Several questions remain about why some of the expenses from both the house expo and Hilloween are not yet fully reflected on the quarterly report. Elizabeth will contact Adam and Christine (CHRS's bookkeeper) about this.

**President's Report: *Elizabeth***

House Tour update: Patrick C. is resigning from his role of House Tour Chair. Elizabeth nominates Beth Purcell to step in, Monte second. The motion passes with no nay votes and one abstention (Beth). Elizabeth thanks Patrick C. for his significant contributions to the House Tour. In order to keep things moving, the Board may need to pitch in more than in previous years. Although there are a handful of sites that are "very interested," no houses are under contract, yet; each Board member is encouraged to all reach out to his/her contacts.

**Election Committee (Nominating Committee):** It is the time of year that this committee needs to be finalized. Elizabeth nominates Beth Purcell to lead (she has volunteered), to be supported by Monte Edward and Michelle Carroll; Joanna seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

**House Expo Report: *Elizabeth***

Elizabeth presents a detailed accounting of House Expo expenses and income. There are no additional questions.

**Grants: Susan B**

This is a follow-up to an application in the Swampoodle extension that has been discussed by the board previously. It concerns a façade grant to replace a door, jamb and an energy grant for LED lighting (not to exceed \$1000 for LED replacement; this will not be granted up front but rather, will be reimbursed upon actual, submitted receipts). Regarding the façade grant application, the applicant will run concept by the HPO. There are no additional questions.

Beth moves to confirm the recommendation of the grants committee to award the grant as proposed, Monte seconds; the motion passes unanimously.

**Preservation Committee Report: Beth**

**732 4th Street NE (part of Swampoodle extension):** Pre-historic district, two houses were bought and pop-ups added. A new applicant is applying to add a pop-up similar to the ones that had been grandfathered in. The board has recently denied applications in similar situations. Patrick Lally offers to help with testimony.

Under the new zoning rules, it's now possible to build alley buildings again if certain conditions are met. One of these is that the alley must have a name. Architects are reaching out to CHRS about what/how to name alleys. CHRS takes no position, but provides information. Recent names that have been proposed include Duvall Court (15<sup>th</sup> and C SE), and Ebenezer Court (in Square 1089, 17th and C SE, the former site of the Ebenezer Methodist Church cemetery; note: the church still exists at another location).

Elizabeth provides an update on the shotgun house. The house has been deconstructed, catalogued, and sorted by material. The District archaeologist recently provided tours of the site; Elizabeth, Susan O. and Joanna attended. The archaeologists have reported a fruitful dig. They've been finding many beer bottles and other miscellany; there was also an unusual stratum of brick dust. The archaeologists will present their findings at an upcoming Preservation Café (April or May).

**Zoning Committee: Gary (absent)**

Gary's report was provided in writing in advance of the meeting. Elizabeth has no comment. Steve K adds that he was present at the most recent committee meeting and that the most complicated was the case at 1511 A Street NE (an application to convert a single-family home into an 18-unit apartment building; appeals on both sides may continue).

**New Business**

Elizabeth and Monte have been contacted by a citizen on the topic of an energy conservation grant; his goals are not entirely clear. Monte clarified that this person may be looking for CHRS to act in the role of a 501(c)(3) applicant on behalf of an application (a situation in which he, as a private citizen, could not apply himself). It's an interesting proposal but CHRS does not have the resources to take on another project at this time.

Elizabeth briefly revisits the question about what type of accounting summary we should be getting from the Treasurer. The level of detail needed is discussed. The group generally agrees that this should be tabled until Adam can be here so that he can be present to speak to the question. The Finance Chair and committee member should at least commit to receiving, and reviewing, the bank statement on a monthly basis.

Applications have been received for the Dick Wolf Memorial lecture. Review has begun and they expect to have a winner identified by mid-February. The organizers have also reached out to past winners for an update about what they're doing now, and have received one response so far (of the two previous winners).

Steve reports that a company contracted by DDOT to do a sidewalk replacement project is discarding the old brick and replacing it with new brick (area near East Capitol and 10th Streets NE). A neighbor was concerned that the old brick was being discarded and felt the re-use of what she termed "historic brick" should be required. DDOT standards recommend reusing the sidewalk brick in historic districts. However, it's not required and it can be difficult to mix new and old brick as they may not have the exact same dimensions. Monte provides a brief explanation of his experience with DDOT when the Eastern Market sidewalks were replaced in terms of its policies towards salvaging/reusing bricks. In light of this, the Board decides not take a position in this particular case, but to offer information and advice in such situations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.