

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting  
Minutes for December 19, 2017  
Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building, 750 6<sup>th</sup> St. SE Washington DC**

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The following members were present:

Elizabeth Nelson, Monte Edwards, Susan Oursler, Michelle Carroll, Beth Purcell, Chuck Berger, Gary Peterson, Joanna Kendig, Janet Quigley, Greg Holman, and Steve Kehoe

Absent were:

Patrick Lally, Susan Burgerman, Adam Apton, Tina May, Undine Nash, Lisa Dale Jones

Also present were: Carl Spier and Angie Schmidt

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

**Minutes**

The November Minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurers Report**

No questions were asked regarding the Treasurer's Report that Adam provided.

**President's Report**

Elizabeth reported that our web search engine needed updating, and that money had been set aside in this year's budget for the upgrade so that Norm Metzger's project could be moved to our web. Janet asked that we have an ap on the web site for House Tour ticket purchaes.

We have a bill for the money we are managing of the 1511 A Street project, which will be paid.

**House Expo**

House Expo expenses totalled \$1,737.92, and income totalled \$3,100.00.

**House Tour**

The House Tour committee reported that the tour would take place on May 12 and 13, 2018, and six houses have been identified between Brent elementary and the Capitol South Metro station. The American Legion Hall at 3rd and D Streets, SE will serve as a location for will call tickets, refreshments, and restrooms. An optional wine tasting is planned for Saturday evening.

The House Tour committee is asking for recommendations of other houses in the tour area, and are especially interested in find a home with solar panels.

**Dick Wolf Lecture**

Monte reported that the Dick Wolf lecture was scheduled for March 23, 2018 at the Hill Center. He also reported that save the date cards have been distributed.

Submissions will be due in mid January and decisions will be made by mid February. Michelle has agreed to arrange the reception.

### **Planning Committee**

Monte reported on DDOT plans to redesign the area where the Southwest Freeway, 11th Street, SE and Barney Circle converge. The new road would be above grade with a bus garage below. Access to the Anacostia waterfront would be made available by pedestrian and bike ramps. Monte and Joanna showed the board two possible designs for the project.

Board members expressed concerns and asked questions about the area set aside for "bus parking," because it was not clear if the parking was for city or tour busses, and if the parking would be temporary and if the area would include a maintenance area. Other concerns expressed regarded other vehicle parking, river views, and economic impact of the redesign.

Chuck volunteered to work with City Council Member Charles Allen once the CHRS has formulated its opinion.

Monte reported that CHRS comments on the redesign would be due on January 24, 2018, and asked for board input.

### **Zoning Committee**

Gary reported that the Zoning Committee had met on December 14, 2017 and considered cases for 523 8th Street, SE, 733 Kentucky Avenue, SE, 506 Second Street, SE, 1108 5th Street N and 407 4th Street, SE.

The first case noted involves Ambar restaurant. They are asking for a special exception for an third floor addition which would feature a retractable roof. It would extend more than 10 feet beyond the rear of existing neighboring buildings. Ambar would also build a trash room which would be accessible from the building and has agreed to have trash picked up seven days a week.

Gary is drafting guidelines which would require neighbor approval, shadow studies, and lot occupancies to obtain special exceptions.

### **Historic Preservation**

Beth reported that no hearings have taken place since the last CHRS meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.