

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting of 21 February, 2017
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building
750 6th Street SE, Washington DC**

Present: Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Burgerman, Joanna Kendig, Greg Holeyman, Janet Quigley, Beth Purcell, Adam Apton, Monte Edwards, Steve Kehoe, Justine Bello, Susan Oursler, Patrick Lally

Absent: Scott Davis, Janet Quigley, Lisa Dale Jones, Undine Nash, Chuck Burger, Patrick Crowley

Guests: Charles McMillion, Carl Spier, Angie Schmidt.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35.

Elizabeth reports that Patti Martin has resigned as Membership Committee Co-Chair. Elizabeth nominates Susan Burgerman to fill this position for the remainder of the term; the motion is seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

Minutes: *Justine*

There are no additional corrections to the minutes. Elizabeth moves to accept, Steve seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: *Adam (absent)*

Adam briefly summarizes his report, including an update on the house expo income (\$3100) and expenses (\$1400).

Election Committee (Nominating Committee): Beth describes how the committee is trying to reformat the position description of the Treasurer. They propose that the Treasurer prepare income and expense sheets quarterly, rather than for each meeting; the board would instead have the opportunity to review bank statements monthly. Discussion: As the current Treasurer, Adam speaks about the significant workload and time commitment that is required to properly perform the duties of this position. The Board supports the Committee's recommended revisions to the position description.

President's Report: *Elizabeth*

The Board is joined by Charles McMillion to speak about the Union Station expansion project; specifically, he presents a draft letter he proposes to send in response to a request from the Federal Railway Administration for CHRS' concurrence on two preservation concerns.

Charles briefly summarizes some of the background to the proposed project: the vision is that of a grand rail hall that will accommodate triple the number of people that currently come through the station (estimated to be approximately 90,000-100,000 people per day).

In response to FRA's request for concurrence, Charles' team feels the proposed area of impact is too small. A discussion follows about the procedural nature of the regulatory review processes (Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act). Similarly, they do not agree that the appropriate viewsheds have been considered.

A discussion follows specifically about the language of the letter. Suggestions are provided about how to better clarify and focus the narrative.

Elizabeth moves to approve the letter on the condition that an amended letter, including the suggested revisions, is approved by the board through email; Susan O seconds. The motion passes unanimously.

Photo Contest: *Patrick C (absent)*

The deadline for submissions has been extended to Saturday, February 25. The Hill Rag was a co-supporter of this effort, and will also help to judge the submissions.

DMPED Planning Committee: *Joanna*

ANC commissioners called a meeting recently to facilitate dialog about the future of RFK and Reservation 13. Redevelopment is still anticipated to occur under the auspices of Events DC; the land itself remains on lease from the National Park Service. The land must be used for sport/recreation. Improved pedestrian access is a goal. Historic resources are not immediately affected but the overall impact on the neighborhood should be considered.

Monte adds comments about the draft Anacostia Waterfront Environmental Assessment (EA) recently issued by the National Park Service; he and Beth speak briefly to aspects of the document that they feel need improvement.

House Tour:

The committee has sent out 400 letters; they have made great progress and have a slate of about 9 confirmed sites and another 2-3 maybes. Ticket sales should start by April 15 at the latest. The Board briefly strategizes about how to better facilitate credit card sales in the booth near Eastern Market.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

