

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for March 20, 2018
Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building, 750 6th St. SE
Washington DC**

The following members were present:

Adam Apton, Monte Edwards, Steve Kehoe, Joanna Kendig, Patrick Lally, Tina May, Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Oursler, Janet Quigley

The following members were absent:

Chuck Burger, Susan Burgerman, Michelle Carroll, Lisa Dale Jones, Greg Holeyman, Beth Purcell, Nina Tristani, Undine Nash, Gary Peterson

Angie Schmitt was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes

Susan O. presented the minutes from the February 20 meeting. Because some members had not had a chance to review the minutes, Janet made a motion that the board approve the minutes as submitted provided that no objections were raised in the next two days. Tina seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Adam presented the treasurer's report. Adam stated that the CHRS credit card was being closed and that a new credit card had been requested. Like the previous card, the new credit card will not have a fee. Adam also reported that he is developing a written procedure for expense approvals.

Monte pointed out that CHRS had received two donations for the Dick Wolf Fund totaling \$7,000.00.

Janet asked for an update on what has been referred to as the "Smart Settlement Account", which is a misnomer as that is only the name of the financial institution that handled the transaction. The account was established with monies contributed in 2011 by Valor Development, the developer of a project at 1350 Maryland Ave NE, for the study and establishment of new historic districts. CHRS had spent funds to study the Swampoodle area and Emerald Street. Elizabeth reported that there was a document in the CHRS files regarding the fund, but a copy of the document was not available at the meeting. Adam asked that the Board review the document and determine how he should handle any unspent funds. This matter will be considered at the April CHRS meeting.

Adam reported that John Shages has recommended that the Board establish a brokerage account to provide greater flexibility in managing the endowment account. Adam made a motion that the Board approve this request; Monte seconded; and the motion carried.

President's Report

Elizabeth reported that she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about the possibility of a Bike Share station and electric automobile charging station near her home. She asked that CHRS take a position in opposition to these facilities in any residential area but specifically on her block. In fact, there are no plans to install either type of facility at that location, although there is an existing Bike Share nearby. The Board discussed auto charging stations and the importance of ensuring that they are properly regulated. However, since there are no plans to deploy charging stations, no action was taken on these matters.

Dick Wolf Lecture

Monte reported that the Dick Wolf lecture will be held Friday, March 23 at the Hill Center. The winner is a local archeologist Christine Ames who will present a lecture, "New Discoveries at the Shotgun House Archaeology Project." The lecture will focus on findings in the trash pit behind the "shotgun" house at 1229 E Street, SE.

A CHRS Member's meeting will be held immediately before the lecture at 6:45.

Comprehensive Plan

Monte reported on the public hearing of the DC City Council Committee of the Whole which occurred earlier on this same date. Under consideration were amendments to the Framework Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The hearing was well attended by city council members and the public. Approximately 258 witnesses asked to testify on the amendments, and the hearing extended well after our Board meeting ended. Beth Purcell testified on behalf of the CHRS. She commented on lack of adequate planning for commuter rail. CHRS Board Member Monte Edwards testified as a public citizen.

House Tour

Janet gave an update on this year's House Tour, which will be held on May 12 and 13. There will be nine houses and two gardens on the tour. Refreshments will be served at the American Legion Hall. Tickets will be available at Kashmir in Union Station, Frager's Hardware Store, and at a variety of other locations on Capitol Hill.

The brochure has been drafted and poster and tickets have been designed. Janet has requested permission to sell tickets at Eastern Market. Tickets will

go on sale on April 17. Tour information and tickets will be available at the Frager's "Garden Party" on April 22. Members of the Board were encouraged to sign up to sell tickets at Eastern Market on weekends leading up to the tour.

Historic Preservation Committee

Beth was not present at the meeting, but provided a written report of her testimony on regarding the property at 311 F Street, NE, and Allison Ross's testimony regarding the property at 214 A Street, NE.

Zoning Committee

Gary was not present at the meeting, but provided a written report. The Zoning Committee considered five cases at the February meeting. Steve reported that the case at 500 13th Street, SE was continued to the next meeting. He also reported that the committee voted to uphold its earlier decision to approve the application at 1226 North Carolina Avenue, NE, after consideration of the shadow study, which showed that the neighbor's light would not be significantly affected. The committee supported additional applications at 1612 E Street SE (on condition that the applicant work to alleviate a neighbor's concern's), 121 Tennessee Avenue, NE, and 219 E Street, NE.

Preservation Cafes

Joanna reported that approximately 20 people attended the first of three Preservation Cafes dedicated to "sustainability" in the Historic District. The second Preservation Cafe in the series will focus on technical and financial aspects of installing solar panels. It will take place on April 18. The final segment of the series will take place on May 16.

Susan O. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joanna seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.