

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for September 18, 2018**

**Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building, 750 6th St. SE
Washington DC**

The following members were present:

Chuck Burger, Susan Burgerman, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Greg Holeyman, Steve Kehoe, Joanna Kendig, Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Oursler, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmitt, and Undine Nash.

The following members were absent:

Adam Apton, Michelle Carroll, Lisa Dale Jones, Patrick Lally, Tina May, Gary Peterson, and Janet Quigley.

Jill Uvena was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes

The August minutes were read. Greg made a motion to accept the motion with amendments and Chuck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Adam was not present for the meeting, but had prepared a Treasurer's Report which the members reviewed.

5G Technology

Monte and Beth reported on a move to construct 5G cell towers throughout the District. 5G is a developing type of mobile networking that will be faster than 4G which is currently used for cell phones. 5G technology is very fragile and will require the cell towers to be located very close together. The city has already issued licenses to four carriers, three of which will not share towers, so residents might expect multiple 31 foot high poles on each city block. The DC Public Space Committee is moving ahead quickly with this project and has scheduled a meeting to approve guidelines on October 15. Many groups in the city have argued that this schedule will not give adequate opportunities for public comment. Maygene made a motion to authorize Monte and Beth to pursue a full and complete discussion for responsible deployment of 5G cell units within the city, and Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Historic Preservation Report

The Historic Preservation committee did not meet in August.

Zoning Report

The zoning committee met on September 13. Gary submitted a report on the cases considered.

In one notable case, BZA 19824--1347 G Street, SE, the applicant did not appear before the zoning committee and so the committee voted to defer action on the application. The applicant in this case wants a variance to construct a third floor and convert the building from one unit to two units. Members of the Board pointed out that this application does not meet the requirements for a variance because indication of a hardship was not demonstrated. Chuck made a motion that the Board authorize Gary to draft a letter opposing the variance on these grounds, and Undine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Swampoodle Grant

The Board considered a request from Swampoodle resident John Rackson for a grant of \$3,400 to cover 50 percent of the cost of restoring his iron stoop. Rackson had received an energy grant earlier. Maygene made a motion that the Board approve the grant, and Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Patrick is working to ensure that neighbors in the Swampoodle area are aware that grants are still available for neighbors.

Fall Activities

The Fall Members meeting will be held on September 26 at the Hill Center. All CHRS members are encouraged to attend. The FY2018-2019 budget will be considered by the full membership at this meeting.

CHRS will cohost a debate for candidates for the City Council at large seat on October 10, and a second debate for the Ward 6 Representative to the City Council on October 12. Both debates will be held at the Hill Center.

The House Expo will be held on October 21 in the Eastern Market North Hall. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02.