

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for Meeting of 20 June, 2017
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building
750 6th Street SE, Washington DC**

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

Absent: Patrick Lally, Lisa Dale Jones, Scott Davis, Undine Nash, Chuck Burger

Guests: Carl Spier, Mimi Wolf, Tina May, Michelle Carroll, neighbor

The meeting is called to order at 6:33 pm.

The agenda proceeds out of order in order to address specific items first.

BZA19527 (119 7th Street): A guest is here to appeal the CHRS Zoning Committee's findings to support two special exceptions in this case. The first exception proposed to move the cornice line. The second exception would be to construct a clerestory that is slightly taller than the normally permissible height of 35'. It would be sufficiently set back from the front elevation that it would not be visible from the street. The committee had previously voted to support the special exceptions with no conditions.

A neighbor speaks on behalf of himself and several concerned neighbors who object to the Zoning Committee's findings. The primary objection is to the clerestory. The neighbor also feels that he and other neighbors were not engaged by the developer along the way.

Gary summarizes other correspondence that he has received by email, which primarily objects to the bulk and size of the proposed additions. Elizabeth moves to support the special exception to move the cornice, seconded by Gary. The motion is approved, with one (1) nay. Janet moves to take no position on the clerestory roof structure, seconded by Elizabeth. The motion is approved with one (1) abstention and one (1) nay.

Minutes: *Justine*

Several minor edits are proposed and accepted. Justine moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Elizabeth. The motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: *Adam*

We have recently hired a new bookkeeper: Jill Uvena She was interviewed, vetted, and will be retained under a contract.

Almost final numbers for house tour show gross revenue of approx. \$71K –approx. \$35k in ticket sales, \$33k in ads and \$3K in donations. This was reasonably close to our budgeted estimate of \$80k, and represents an improvement over previous years. We hope to have a final record of actual expenses in the near future.

Some moneys have come in the 1511 A Street NE account; some of this has gone out to pay a retainer for the attorney.

President's Report: *Elizabeth*

Elizabeth moves to nominate Michelle Carroll to serve as house tour chair, seconded by Susan B. The motion passes unanimously. Michelle will be assisted by Janet and Nina.

Elizabeth also moves to nominate Michelle Carroll to serve as house expo coordinator. She will need help with set-up, clean up, publicity, etc. Nina will serve as the point person for volunteer coordination.

Ratification of commitment to act as fiscal agent for New Jersey Avenue residents opposing zoning relief for 428 NJ Ave: There is no further discussion. Gary moves to ratify, seconded by Beth. The motion passes with one (1) abstention.

House Tour: *Michelle Carroll*

The 2018 House Tour will center around the American Legion building at 224 D St. SE.

Ratification of support for comments on the Comprehensive Plan: Gary moves to ratify, seconded by Janet. The motion passes unanimously. Thank you to Beth and Monte for all their work to develop these comments.

Finance and Administration: *Susan O*

Budget time!

Pennsylvania/Potomac Ave redesign: The design process was started in 2013; DDOT is now presenting alternatives. CHRS is currently supporting the "ellipse" alternative. At the public meeting held on June 1, there was a large showing by residents from the Jenkins Row condominium building who are very interested in relocating the adjacent bus stop as part of this redesign.

Anacostia Historic District proposed expansion: The Historic Anacostia Block Association is an unincorporated community group; if they become incorporated, they can pursue grants, such as from the National Association of Realtors or the National Trust for Historic Preservation. There appears to be momentum and CHRS feels it is a good time to show support for this effort.

HP Committee: *Beth/Joanna*

Maryland Avenue streetlights: DDOT will be installing 3000 Kelvin lamps (warmer in color; CHRS has supported these).

316 G Street NE (Swampoodle row): HPRB said all doglegs must be maintained intact.

501 C Street, NE: This is the newest and most complicated case. The developer proposes major changes to the rear elevation, including an exterior elevator. CHRS

took the position that these elements of the design were not compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Membership Meeting: *Susan*

This is occurring tomorrow at the Hill Center. Ruth Trocolli, District archaeologist, will be speaking about the findings at the shotgun house site. A formal announcement of election results will be made during the meeting portion. The meeting starts at 6:45. We need to be lining up speakers for upcoming membership meetings.

Preservation Cafes for the fall: *Greg*

The dates have been set, Greg will be looking for speakers.

Nominating Committee:

The election results are summarized. Monte Edwards will now serve as First Vice-President, filling the position being vacated by Patrick Crowley. Susan Oursler will replace Justine Bello as Secretary. Tina May joins the Board for the first time as a new At Large Member and Michelle Carroll re-joins as an At Large member.

Elizabeth thanked the outgoing board members for their service.

The meeting is adjourned at 8:35