

**CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**  
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

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**Present**

Janet Quigley, Shauna Holmes, Patrick Crowley, Lisa Dale Jones, Kelly Vielmo, Beth Purcell, Drury Tallant, Elizabeth Nelson, Larry Pearl, Chuck Burger, Maurice Walters, Lisa Wilson, Susan Burgerman, Gloria Junge

**Meeting Minutes:** Janet Quigley

- The minutes of the July meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet. **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to approve the July minutes. Unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report** – Patrick Crowley (included in packet)

- New software: QuickBook for Non-Profit Organizations was purchased and Patrick is attempting to recreate this FY on the new program. The budget will continue on the old system through the end of the FY, then will switch to QuickBook.
- Establishing new CHRS credit card to replace former Treasurer's card.
- Patrick introduced the new Chart of Accounts: more coherently organized, better tracking between fiscal years, and better enables budgeting by committees.
- Discussion of ideas to increase CHRS visibility in community and attract new members:
  1. more fun events such as the successful Anacostia river tour – Chuck volunteered to book additional boat dates, possibly October 12 and/or 19. Suggested holding a sign-up for the river tour/membership drive at Eastern Market, and at Barrack's Row Day (September 28).
  2. Elizabeth suggested advertising October events in Hill Rag and DC North, noting that the papers might be distributed too late for the event dates.

**President's Report** – Janet Quigley (included in packet)

- Fall Members' Meeting and Forum, scheduled Thursday, September 19: DC government is promoting sustainability by giving presentations similar to that planned for the Thursday meeting in other neighborhoods.
- The 2014 CHRS operating budget will be up for approval at the members' business meeting prior to the presentation.
- Janet attended and reported on the NCPC preliminary discussions of the Height Act Master Plan study. Outcome – still sees no reason to change CHRS position on the mater. Noted that the DC OP position was supposed to be released this week.

**Dreyfus Micro-grants** – Larry Pearl (draft CFP included in packet)

- Proposal requirements: agreement that they should emphasize removing bad "renovations" and restoring original features. Discussion of whether grant funds could be used for exterior lighting – Dru noted that energy efficiency is a factor for S752 renovations, which could cover outdoor lighting; others argued that funding should be limited to restoring the original lighting, not adding new fixtures.
- Decision on exterior lighting: grant funds will only be used to replace inappropriate lighting with lighting that is historically appropriate. Wording in the "What is Funded" section will be better specified by referring to eligible project examples 3 and 4.
- General agreement that there should be an architect on the grant selection committee.

- Larry suggested that the grant applications be presented to the membership at the Thursday Members' Meeting. For greater dissemination, Dru suggested that – once the wording is finalized and approved – flyers be printed and distributed around the Swampoodle area. Shauna suggested that “home improvement” be in the grant title, as the area extends beyond the historical district and thus is not strictly for restoration only. Others suggested adding information on CHRS and events to the grant flyers.
- Proposals will be submitted to the CHRS office, and Gloria strongly recommended that the flyers be placed in envelopes containing self-addressed stamped envelopes and put directly into residents' mailboxes.
- Decision: Larry will revise the guidelines as discussed, and will include his name as contact. An announcement with a link to the proposal guidelines will be on the CHRS website. The grant program will be announced at the Members' Meeting and in the next newsletter.

#### **Community Development** – Chuck Burger

- DDOT has formed a committee to distribute large grants for improving the streetscape.

#### **Community Relations/Pocket Parks** – Elizabeth Nelson (correspondence included in packet)

- Board needs to take a position on the private appropriation of public spaces. Discussion of 3 points in draft text: general agreement on language, but Janet requested clarification of responsibilities for compliance. CHRS position will be run in the next newsletter and put up on website; should send to Tommy Wells' office and those of the other council members.
- **Moved, seconded, and approved:** motion to approve the position paper with changes, to send as a letter to council members with DDOT copied, and to print in the next newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Historic Preservation:** – Shauna Holmes (July HPRB report included in packet)

- Proposal to raze Frager's was reviewed by the DC State Historic Preservation Office, which is working with the Frager's team to determine options for the site moving forward.
- VAT: comments are due in a week. Board is supporting the no-build alternative.
- South Capitol Bridge project: review was re-opened because the plan was found to be flawed.
- Quarterly meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge community group: plans to build exit ramp from SE Freeway are impeded by the VAT. Ramp can't be built until VAT work is completed.

#### **Newsletter** –Lisa Dale Jones, Kelly Vielmo

- Deadline for submission for next newsletter – September 23. Beth will write up the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge ramp debacle for HPRB box. Elizabeth will handle the Preservation Cafe report, announcement that Beyond the Boundaries data is up on website, and request for volunteers for Barrack's Row Day.
- Need new editor: notice will appear in both Sept and Oct newsletters.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm