

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 2014

HELD AT THE HOME OF SUSAN YOUNG, 606 A STREET SE

Present – Owing to severe weather, only six Board members were in attendance, fewer than a quorum.

Janet Quigley, Patrick Crowley, Paul Cromwell, Shauna Holmes, Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Young, Gloria Junge

Guest observer: Muriel Wolf

Meeting Minutes – Janet Quigley

- The minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting were discussed. **Motion to adopt as amended** by the following: in the Treasurer’s Report discussion of Swampoodle funds, the sentence “Gary clarified that the intent was to compensate CHRS for expenses and organizational resources which could be viewed as fees, rather than being restricted to specific grant-related expenditures.” Should be changed to was changed to “Gary clarified that the intent was to compensate CHRS for expenses and organizational resources and is not restricted to specific grant-related expenditures.”
- **Motion to amend approved** by those in attendance, requiring two more votes by email to pass. Email votes were obtained January 23, **December minutes adopted.**

Treasurer’s Report – Patrick Crowley

- Patrick explained how he has reorganized the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Income and Expense. Moving unrestricted funds to a regular account will require two signatures. The budget presentation format may be different.

President’s Report – Janet Quigley

- Northeast Library Reopening: CHRS is invited to participate in day-long event. **Decision to participate approved by email vote.** Elizabeth Nelson will organize the table; Beth Purcell, Undine Nash, and Susan Burgerman have volunteered to help. Not only will the construction be over, but the remodel included meeting rooms which CHRS can use for future membership and other meetings.
- Discussion of March Membership Forum topic and date (March 25, 26 or 27): The CHRS Calendar for 2014 was included in the agenda package. Janet asked for ideas for the other 2014 membership meetings. **Decision approved:** the March meeting will have an environmental theme regarding the Anacostia River.
- Decision on whether to sign on as a co-sponsor for the three Ward 6 Candidates Forums that Hill Rag is organizing. Currently there are 5 other co-sponsors, including the Hill Center. **Decision to co-sponsor approved by email vote.**

Grants Committee: Janet Quigley

- Report from the January 8 Grant Committee meeting recommends approving three applications: energy efficiency micro-grant at 730 3rd St NE; façade repair grant at 724 3rd St NE; energy efficiency grant at 710 3rd St NE (this applicant also submitted a proposal for a façade grant, which is still under discussion). **Decision on Committee’s recommended grants approved by email vote.**
- Total façade grants to date: \$21,029. Grant funds remaining: \$128,971. Total energy grants to date: \$14,875. Total Micro-grants: \$3000. Energy grant funds remaining: \$62,125.

Zoning

- Discussion of Board authorization of Gary Peterson to file for party status in the conversion of a church at 9th and D to 30 condos with 6 parking spots. **Decision to authorize approved by email vote.**

Historic Preservation: –Shauna Holmes

- On January 13, the Historic Preservation Committee received a draft Memorandum of Agreement for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel project; FHWA and DDOT want comments from Consulting Parties by January 31. CHRS is a Consulting Party for that project.
- **Decision:** As comments drafted by Shauna will comport with previously agreed upon Board policy and positions concerning this project and its effects, she can send the CHRS comments out over her signature without a full Board vote.

House Tour – Susan Young

- Susan handed out two sheets of paper for discussion about the House Tour: Houses Asked and Volunteers needed.
- The House Tour footprint is (south-north) D Street SE to Constitution; (west-east) 3rd to 8th Streets.
- She listed herself as Volunteer Coordinator and Homeowner/Sponsor Party.
- She has Chairs for Event Advertising, Event Support, Ticket Sales, Writers/History, Web Design, House Tour brochure and the Admin Committee. Photographer to be confirmed.
- Volunteers are needed for House Captains & Docents, Sponsors, Music in the Gardens, Flowers on the tables, Refreshments, Mother's Day Event Raffle and the June Volunteers Party.
- Non-residential properties in the footprint that have agreed to work with CHRS are the Folger, the Presbyterian Church, and Riverby Books.

Newsletter –Janet Quigley

- Articles for the next newsletter:
 - President's column (Janet)
 - Upcoming member meetings (Janet)
 - Candidates Forum (Janet)
 - NE Library Reopening (Elizabeth)
 - Upcoming Preservation Café (Elizabeth)
 - Historic Preservation Briefs (Shauna)
 - Zoning Briefs (Gary)
 - Calendar (Gloria)
 - New members (Gloria)
 - House Tour (Susan)
 - CSX Meetings (Monte)
 - Evergreen article (Beth)
- Notices about new editor needed, new office manager needed – already written. Deadline for articles is 5:00 pm on Monday, January 27

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm