

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for November 20, 2018**

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

The following members were present:

Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Patrick Lally, Tina May, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Susan Oursler, Beth Purcell, and Angie Schmidt.

The following members were absent:

Adam Apton, Susan Burgerman, Michelle Carroll, Greg Holeyman, Lisa Dale Jones, Joanna Kendig, Steve Kehoe, Janet Quigley and Nina Tristani.

Jill Uvena and ANC 6B02 Commissioner Gerald Sroufe were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

Minutes

The October minutes were read. Maygene made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

It was noted that newsletters are sent to new neighbors. Chuck suggested that we seek additional ways to make the newsletter available to non-subscribers.

President's Report

Elizabeth asked for Board approval of a previously circulated letter recommending Paul Sonderman for the Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. Sonderman has a member of the HPRB Review Board, and has spoken at a number of Preservation Cafes. Beth made a motion to approve sending the letter as presented, and Tina seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Elizabeth announced the Steve Kehoe's resignation from an At-large position. He will continue as Chair of the Ad Hoc, Public Space Committee which is not a board seat. Beth Hague was appointed, unanimously, to complete the remainder of Steve's At-large term, effective January 15, 2019.

Small Cell Technology

Monte presented a letter to City Councilwoman Mary Cheh outlining CHRS concerns regarding the city's preparation for 5G technology. Chuck made a motion and Undine seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Historic Preservation Report

Beth reported that the HPRB had met twice since the last CHRS Board meeting.

In a case involving 302 South Carolina Avenue, HPRB agreed to the addition of porches, but denied a third story addition because the addition would be highly visible from the street.

In a case at 710 C Street, SE, a substantial addition was being proposed. The addition would increase the size of the building to almost double the current size. The HPRB requested several changes to the proposal including including a separate entrance to the addition.

Zoning Report

Gary was not present at the meeting, but provided a report.

At this point it was noted that Steve Kehoe has announced his intention to resign his position on the Board effective December 18. Steve will continue to serve as Chair of the ad hoc Public Space Committee. It was recommended that Beth Hague be approved to replace Steve on the Board. She is currently a member of the Zoning Committee. Chuck made a motion to agree to Beth's nomination to the Board, and Beth seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Little League Sponsorship

Angie reported that the CHRS request to sponsor a Little League Team in 2019 was granted. The Board discussed possible nicknames for the team, and discussed possible CHRS logos to be used in connection with the sponsorship. Maygene suggested that the Board might have a contest to design a new logo.

Southeast Branch Library

Beth reported on plans to renovate the Southeast Branch Library.

Commemoration of Women's Suffrage

Chuck brought up the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission. The Commission will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote. He pointed out that there are several points of historic significance to women's suffrage on Capitol Hill including the Belmont building on Constitution Avenue. He recommended that CHRS take an active role in the effort. Maygene will represent CHRS at the organizational meeting.

Union Station EIS

Dru Talent and Charles McMillion have been representing CHRS in meetings regarding an environmental impact statement (EIS) in connection with the proposed Union Station "Expansion." There is concern that many local residents are unaware of the plans to significantly redesign the area surrounding Union Station. The Board agreed that we should reach out to other local groups to support issues of common interest. It was also suggested that we invite the representatives to make a presentation at our December Board Meeting. Dru and Charles will identify groups we should contact regarding forming a coalition.

Swampoodle

Patrick gave a status report on the Swampoodle grant project. Under this program, the CHRS administers grant monies for facade and energy improvements to homes in the Swampoodle Historic District. He suggested that we might want to expand the program. Gary will be reviewing the proposal to expand as he was involved in the original community benefit negotiations. Patrick will prepare an article about the project for publication in the Hill Rag.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.