

**CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2012**

SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

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**Present**

Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Janet Quigley, Sharon Weiss, Paul Cromwell, Maurice Walters, Drury Tallant, Chuck Burger, Barbara Eck, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Lisa Dale Jones, Kelly Vielmo, Gloria Junge

**Meeting Minutes** – Janet Quigley

- The minutes of the March 20th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.  
**Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to approve the March minutes passed on voice vote.

**Financial Report** - Sharon Weiss

- A report was included in the monthly meeting packet that included the balance sheet as of 3/31/2012, income statement for March broken out by committee, and March check register.

**Executive Session** – The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Hine School and 700 A Street, NE.

- **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** The Board approved the Historic Preservation Committee's letter to HPRB regarding revised concept development of the Hine School project, HPA #12-11-195. (11 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention)
- **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** The Board deplors the illegal actions taken by the new owners of the Epworth Church, a contributing structure at 700 A Street, NE built in 1895, including the removal of stained glass windows.
- **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion for CHRS to act as fiscal agent for the Capitol Hill Coalition for Sensible Development for six months in the 700 A Street matter, with the provision that they seek nonprofit organization status in the future. (11 Yeas, 1 Nay)

**President's Report** – Beth Purcell

- Spring membership forum, March 27, 2012: The names of the nominating committee for CHRS elections were announced (Paul Cromwell, Gary Peterson, Elizabeth Nelson and Beth Purcell). Our guest speaker, Catherine Buell, Chair of the HPRB, gave an excellent presentation on historic preservation, and answered questions from members. CHRS sent her a thank-you letter.
- The summer membership forum will take place June 4, 2012 at the Hill Center. Topic: Hine School redevelopment project.

**House Tour** – Paul Cromwell

- Paul distributed the tour list of thirteen houses and two gardens.
- Ticket sales at Eastern Market start April 21.

**Nominating Committee** – Gary Peterson

- A report was included in the monthly meeting packet.
- **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to approve the nominating committee's slate. The candidates are: Janet Quigley, President; Michelle Carroll, First Vice

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President; Monte Edwards, Second Vice President; Sharon Weiss, Treasurer; Doriann Fengler, Secretary; Maurice Walters, Lisa Wilson and Lisa Dale Jones, At large.

**Postcard Permit** – Drury Tallant

- Drury met with Steve Callcott of HPO, who agreed to work with DCRA to develop a mechanism to allow residents of historic districts to complete certain permit applications by postcard or online.
- **Moved, Seconded and Approved:** A motion to support postcard permits in the Capitol Hill historic district.

**Historic Preservation** – Shauna Holmes

- The DC Preservation League and CHRS will co-host a Historic House Toolbox contractor fair on June 9 from 10 am to 1 pm.
- Union Station: An informal group is meeting April 27 to discuss preservation principles for Union Station. Shauna Holmes and Drury Tallant will attend.
- Northeast Library addition (HPA #12-303). Architect David Bell presented the plan to the Historic Preservation Committee's April meeting. The committee sent a letter to HPO commenting on the exterior. The Friends of the Library will host a meeting April 23 to discuss interior renovations, which are subject to a 9B review.

**11th Street Bridge / Recreation Bridge** – Monte Edwards / Shauna Holmes

- The new local bridge is back on track. On March 28, the Office of Planning held another meeting regarding the recreation bridge. In response to questions from CM Tommy Wells, Harriet Tregoning explained that the decking and superstructure of the old bridge would be removed (as planned in the Skanska contract), that the construction of the new local bridge would proceed on schedule, and that the recreation bridge would be considered as a future project.

**Zoning** – Gary Peterson

- The Zoning Committee now has eleven members. They reviewed and supported two applications for Special Exception: 1116 I Street, SE (lot occupancy) and 900 M Street, SE (Doggie Day Care and shelter animals).

**Community Development** – Monte Edwards

- DDOT is preparing a Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Report for the Section 9b historic preservation review of the H Street/Benning Road streetcar route's Phase 2 work. DDOT has found information online from the H Street survey that was done by Tracerics several years ago. DDOT will conduct a similar survey of the Benning Road portion of the streetcar route.

**Newsletter** – Lisa Dale Jones and Kelly Vielmo

- Articles for the May edition: House tour, Hine letter, 700 A St, HPRB cases, election bios, postcard permit, Toolbox, Catherine Buell, zoning.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is May 15, 2012.