

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Janet Quigley, Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Sharon Weiss, Elizabeth Nelson, Michelle Carroll, Maurice Walters, Chuck Burger, Barbara Eck, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Gloria Junge Donna Breslin. Guest: Larry Janezich.

Meeting Minutes – Doriann Fengler

- The minutes of the July 17th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.
Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the April 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 8/31/2012. The report featured a committee statement and funder statement. An unofficial agreement that this level of detail is only needed at the meeting once or twice a year. Janet would like to receive it monthly.
- Moved \$20,000 from checking into savings.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- Membership meeting on September 25th at the Hill Center. Topic - DC Office of Planning's proposed updates to the zoning regulations and the impact on Capitol Hill. The meeting will open with a membership vote to approve the annual budget.
- Web redesign was added to the proposed 2013 budget. The committee developed the RFQ and a design document that provides detail on the desired end state. Bids will be solicited this fall to produce an updated web site by spring 2013.
- H Street Festival: We gained a couple of new members.
- Fiscal Agent for CHCSD: Assistance was appreciated but no longer needed.
- Union Station Preservation Coalition: CHRS provided a quotation for the Coalition's August 2 press release, which calls for public engagement by Amtrak and Akridge
- Congressional Heights Act Haring, July 19, 2012: Letter submitted to the subcommittee with oversight for District governance in support of the Height Act of 1910 and opposing any changes.

Report from Web Redesign Team – Elizabeth Nelson

- Sending out RFQ for Board comments (in packet). Please respond quickly. Target to send out RFQ for bid by October Board Meeting.

Auction House Tour– Michelle Carroll

- Auction is November 13th. Michelle will send info for the newsletter and website
- Accepting donations.
- Need help before event. Need assistance with liquor license.
- House tour already has two houses. Printer is on board. Looking for artist for image. Theme is in the shadow of the Capitol, old traditions.

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Eastern Market– Barbara Eck

- Will write letter for review regarding the closing of 7th street for Hine construction. Support the closing of the street. Vendors must be taken care of and the city should be responsible for the closing.

Community Development – Monte Edwards

- Presented committee of 100 press release on 250,000 new residences in new southwest Ecodistrict. Metro and bridges are already at or near capacity.

Environment–Beth Purcell

- The Barney Circle freeway shortcut will be no more. Later this fall drivers will be able to drive down 11th Street and get on free way westbound.
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Historic Preservation – Shauna Holmes

- In late July Amtrak and Akridge announced major plans for new construction and development at and immediately north of Union Station, including Amtrak's new Master Plan and Akridge's Burnham Place development in the air rights space it owns over the tracks. On August 2 the Union Station Preservation Coalition -- which includes CHRS, the Committee of 100, the DC Preservation League, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation -- released its report "A Golden Opportunity to Re-invest in Historic Union Station", which recommends eight principles to guide Union Station's renovations and new development. A link to the report is on the CHRS website. In mid-August Akridge and Amtrak held a public open house to introduce their plans to the community; Gary, Janet, Drury and Shauna attended. Coalition members met with Amtrak, Akridge, and USRC on September 13 to discuss their proposals.
- There was a Section 106 meeting September 10 about the adverse effects of USRC's plan to put two holes in the floor of Union Station's Main Hall for two sets of escalators to the downstairs retail. Shauna, Drury, and Maurice attended on behalf of CHRS and will be preparing comments to submit by October 25. The Consulting Parties are working to achieve the best possible outcome. To see the project proposal and submit comments, go to usrcdc.com and click on the Main Hall Section 106 Process link. Comments can also be submitted to lklimko@usrcdc.com and must be received by Oct. 25.
- There will be a meeting on September 26 for Consulting Parties regarding effects of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel on historic properties. Shauna will represent CHRS at the meeting.
- On September 27 at 6:00 pm there will be a public meeting about the Virginia Avenue Tunnel EIS at the Capitol Skyline Hotel. Board members are encouraged to attend.

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- The DC 2012 Citywide Preservation Conference will be Friday, October 12, at the Sumner School. Board members are encouraged to attend. To register, go to dcpreservation.org
- Comments on proposed mitigation for the adverse effects of the H Street/Benning Road Streetcar Line and Car Barn on historic properties are due by September 24. Shauna will write CHRS's comments.
- On August 17 DDOT published new proposed regulations for signs in DC, with comments due by October 15. CHRS can choose to endorse the DC Historic Districts Coalition's comments and/or submit our own comments.
- In mid-August Shauna had a conference call with DDOT and HPO about the proposed standing billboard ads at the Capitol Bikeshare locations. Follow-up is planned for this fall.
- A letter from DC Water to ANC 6B is in the Board packets. It addresses DC Water's damage to historic Reservation 251 and the mitigation and reconstruction measures it will carry out when it's finished using the reservation for construction of the CSO tunnel nearby.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- Nothing to report.

Newsletter – Elizabeth Nelson

- Collecting articles for next newsletter. Send to Lisa directly.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is October 16, 2012.