

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

Present

Janet Quigley, Sharon Weiss, Beth Purcell, Shauna Holmes, Elizabeth Nelson, Lisa Dale Jones, Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards, Maurice Walters, Gloria Junge

Guest: Mimi Wolf

Observer: Larry Janezich

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 20th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.

Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the October minutes with corrections passed on voice vote.

Financial Report - Sharon Weiss

- Board Financial Statement as of November 30, 2012 in packet.
- Treasurer provided summary of the Financial Statement
- Discussed that ads have been paid in advance.
- Stated the audit started early this year on 7 December 2012.
- Told the board that Paul Cromwell asked her to represent him in requesting that a check for \$100.00 check be approved for Anna McManamon for once again helping with the membership computer. The Board approved.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- Discussed the February CHRS Member Forum suggesting it be on zoning and preservation.
- Possible location – Maury School, Elizabeth Nelson will check the suggested dates: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday - 26, 27 or 28 February.

Update from Web Redesign Team – Elizabeth Nelson

- Had two potential bids – but only have one bid.
- Two new fresh possibilities.
- Donna Breslin will see if it is feasible for her to do more on the web

Auction and House Tour:– Michelle (unable to attend)

- Four - five houses have contracts.
- Michelle sent Gary and Shauna the information on houses identified for the house tour. Shauna looked at the houses. There are no problems. Some are unique.

11th Street Bridges: Beth Purcell – Shauna Holmes

- Beth discussed the slides in the board packet of the 11th Street, Bridges.
- There are 2 environmental assessments some with federal funding and there is a change order.
- Beth described and discussed the 11th Street access.
- Shauna discussed the DDOT Notice. There will be one inbound and one outbound from December 19, 2012 until January 14, 2013. There will be two lanes when work is done. There will also be a pedestrian and bike path.

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Community Development – Monte Edwards
Dick Wolf Memorial

- Monte Edwards discussed the Dick Wolf Memorial. CHRS has received \$4,000.00 in donations in Dick Wolf's memory and Mimi Wolf will donate \$2,000.00 for a total of \$6,000.00 for a Dick Wolf Memorial.

- Summary of Proposal
- The Dick Wolf Memorial would be an annual event with these elements: Students or interns would write research papers on historic preservation or planning. A panel of experts would select the best paper. The author of the paper would then present the paper at a public meeting. There will be a cash prize for the best paper. Monte Edwards cautioned that this is simply a concept and was merely seeking a sense of the CHRS board before proceeding further.

- Monte Edwards has been in contact with Georgetown University Law Center (GULC) and Office of Planning concerning research papers.

- Georgetown University Law Center
- GULC offers a Historic Preservation Seminar (J.D. 261, open to 2nd and 3rd year students), taught by Tersh Boasberg. The seminar requires a substantial historic preservation research paper. About 12-18 students take the seminar.
- Monte Edwards talked with Professor Peter Byrne about having Professors Byrne and Boasberg select the 2 or 3 best seminar papers and then inviting those students to participate in the annual competition for the Dick Wolf Memorial.

- Office of Planning:
- Monte Edwards discussed the competition with Amanda Molson and Harriet Tregoning.
- The Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and Office of Planning (OP) have summer intern programs that generally include a special project. Harriet Tregoning and David Maloney/ Amanda Molson would select several of the best projects and they would compete, along with the papers from GULC.
- Expert judges from GULC, OP/HPO and CHRS would review the papers and interview the finalists. The winner would present the substance of his or her paper at a special public meeting sponsored by CHRS (in a format similar to the Overbeck lecture).
- Hopefully, this would become an annual event, with a cash prize for the winner, an article in the CHRS newsletter (and perhaps the Hill Rag). It would provide

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wider exposure to the research done by the student, and would memorialize Dick Wolf in a manner that be a meaningful contribution to historic preservation/planning. The cost of this event will be in the range of \$1,000.00 on an annual basis.

- Mimi Wolf noted that if the Hill Center is used, it would be nice if the cost would be modest as Dick did a lot to help on the Hill Center. There is timing concern about coordinating papers from HPO and from GULC because the HPO internship ends in the fall and GULC seminar ends in the spring. Lisa Dale Jones cautioned that the presentation could be dry – writing a paper is different from giving a good presentation. The presentation will need to be reviewed in advance to ensure good delivery.
- On December 18, 2012, The CHRS board agreed to the concept and Monte Edwards will proceed with contacting Georgetown University Law Center and Office of Planning to insure they are still interested and to develop further details.

Zoning – Gary Peterson

- Laundromat at 11th & C Streets with dry cleaning added. They have twice before received the required variance. Want to have a permanent approval.
- The Zoning Committee did not approve a 6-foot deck at 1425 North Carolina Avenue.
- Edmonds School: Will go forward with reduced number of units. BZA and property developer worked it out with ANC
- ANC 6-B – Working Group – Gary Peterson and Ken Jarboe will guide through the zoning changes. First meeting will be organizational.

Historic Preservation – Shauna Holmes

- Shauna discussed the 3 letters in the Board packet: the proposed new sign regulations, 426 11th Street, SE and Stuart Hobson Middle School.
- New sign regulations: New DC sign regulations were published in August 2012. The Mayor can approve entertainment signs. There are signs (public space and neighborhoods) in SW Waterfront, Chinatown and (Shauna – didn't catch the third place).
- The 11th Street 3rd floor addition was deferred. The CHRS Preservation Committee could not support the request as it would be visible.
- Stuart Hobson Middle School: Shauna will testify on Thursday, 20 December. The addition is incompatible with the historic school and historic district. The Committee did not object to the removal of the smokestack and supported the design and material of the North Service Addition.
- Shauna attended the Friday Union Station meeting and said it was a good meeting.
- HPRB – Edmonds School: Shauna supported.

Newsletter – Lisa Dale Jones

- There is no January newsletter.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm