Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting
Minutes for June 21, 2016
Second Floor Board Room, Capitol Hill Townhomes Community Building

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Present:
Lisa Dale Jones, Susan Burgerman, Susan Oursler, Elizabeth Nelson, Steve Kehoe, Monte Edwards, Carl Spier, Angie Schmidt
Observer: Larry Janezich

Meeting Minutes: Gloria Junge
Gloria was unable to attend the meeting. The May minutes as taken by Elizabeth (who subbed for Gloria) were approved unanimously (with a small amendment to the Eastern Market Report).

Treasurer’s Report: Adam Apton
Adam was not present but his report covering May 2016 was included in the board packet.

President’s Report: Lisa Dale Jones
• Swamoodle Grant Request: The owner of 323 G St. NE has requested funding for the tuck-pointing of the facade. The application was approved by the committee and by the board through email.
• A Membership Meeting was held June 15 in the chapel at Congressional Cemetery. Topic: History and Programming at Historic Congressional Cemetery. The talk was entertaining and demonstrated what an advantage (for fundraising purposes) it is to have such a property. The election results were announced. Susan Oursler will write an announcement for the July newsletter.
• Susan Oursler has begun work on a budget and has requested that all committees submit their estimates for the coming fiscal year. She has heard from some but not all. The board will vote on the draft at the July meeting.

Membership Committee: Patti Martin
Susan O. presented the report, as Patti was unable to attend. The committee has not met since the May board meeting. The committee just received additional information from a potential repair person, but have not had time to review.

Zoning Committee: Gary Peterson
Gary did not attend but submitted a report to the board packet which will also appear in the July newsletter. The committee will not meet again until August.

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell
• There were not Capitol Hill cases on the May HPRB agenda.
• The committee heard two cases at their June meeting – 226 Massachusetts Ave. and 1237 C St. (rear). The first is likely to be on the consent calendar. With respect to the other, the developer has accepted neighbors’ suggestions and made many changes to the original plan. It has been reduced to two units instead of three and the façade is more suitable.
• The “Shotgun” House has been sold as part of a larger parcel to a developer who will keep it as a single residence. It will be reconstructed using as much of the original material as possible.
• The Buchanan School project will have large, 1-level apartments.
• Two walking tours of Emerald St. NE are planned, one on September 11 and the other on October 8.

**DC State Rail Plan:** Monte Edwards
Monte reported that a draft is not posted on their website. It details all rail trackage in the District and how it is to be managed. One question is whether street can lines will be included. Monte will be submitting comments on behalf of the Committee of 100.

**Fourth of July Parade:** Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth announced that her request to members for vehicles had met with success but that additional marchers are needed.

**Board Retreat:** Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth has been unsuccessful, thus far, in identifying a location. It needs to be free or at least very inexpensive. She asked that folks think about whether they know anyone with a condo-party-room, or business-board-room that could be use. She asked Carl to inquire if the Ellen Wilson meeting room would be available on a weekend day this summer.

**Fall Contractor’s Event:** Elizabeth Nelson
Elizabeth and Beth have been researching the feasibility of such an event. They were done in the past and both Chuck Burger and Greg Holeyman have expressed interest, recently. If held in the Eastern Market North Hall with 30 tables rented from Fragers, it would cost about $1,100 to stage it. It’s likely that enough contractors would rent booths that it would at least cover the costs, possibly generate a small profit. It would generate publicity for CHRS and provide a community service. This will be added to the budget. Elizabeth is going to contact Market management and request either September 25 or October 16 – both Sundays - all Saturdays are already booked.

Elizabeth announced that Monte Edwards had won a Committee of 100 Vision Award for planning and zoning. This is on the website and will appear in the July newsletter.

The meeting ended at 7:30.