

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 21, 2013
SECOND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, CAPITOL HILL TOWNHOMES COMMUNITY BUILDING

Present

Janet Quigley, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Michelle Caroll, Paul Cromwell, Lisa Dale Jones, Shauna Holmes, Monte Edwards, Maurice Walters, Fengler, Drury Tallant Gloria Junge.

Meeting Minutes: Doriann Fengler

- The minutes of the April 16th meeting were included in the monthly meeting packet.
Moved, Seconded and Approved: A motion to approve the April minutes. Unanimous.

Financial Report – Sharon Weiss (unable to attend)

- Update attached.

President's Report – Janet Quigley

- Preliminary results looks like we met our House tour goal. Looking for ideas for our next members meeting which will hopefully be in June. One suggestion is the Height Act.
- Volunteer fair went well and was well attended. Approximately 300- 400 people showed up.
- June 2nd is the president's day party from 3:00 -5:00.
- June 4th Height Act Study public meeting, NCPC office, 901 4th St., NW, 6:30-8:30.
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- June 19th Members Forum at the Hill Center. 6:30 Doors Open. We will start with a short meeting and at 7:00 Laura Richards, Esq. will speak about the benefits of the Height Act in light of Federal and City studies of potential changes.
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House Tour: – Michelle Caroll

- Big success! We received lots of compliments. Docents and house captains were all very knowledgeable. Erin Smith gave a lecture about the house and it was very popular with our visitors.
- We sold 1400 tickets, Internet ticket sales helpful. We sold 300 tickets on-line. We had over 230 volunteers.
- The people running the American legion were lovely. Having an office there was really helpful. A lot of people bought Hot Dogs.
- We printed about 200 fewer brochures than last year and still had a few left over.
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Development of the 2013-2014 Budget: – Paul Cromwell

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- Please have a proposed budget two weeks before the next board meeting for discussion at the June meeting and approval at the July meeting.

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Community Development – Monte Edwards

- No updates to report.

Seizure of a portion of Reservation 266 by the owners of 147 TN Ave NE – Elizabeth Nelson

- Discussion of the issue.
- DDOT issued permits to the owners of 147 TN Ave NE to enclose half of the adjoining “pocket park” with a hedge. Their original request - to install a fence - was turned down by HP. The arrangement of the plantings discourages continued public use of the park by dividing the space in half and by giving the impression that it is private property. It appears that DDOT may have erred in issuing the permits. The matter is under investigation by DDOT. ANC 6A and CM Wells’ office are aware of the situation.

Zoning Ddot Meeting Pennsylvania/Potomac Avenue SE – Beth Purcell

- Reviewed the options for possible changes to Pennsylvania/Potomac Ave SE. See attached.

Historic Preservation: –Shauna Holmes

- Shauna Testified before the Historic Preservation Review Board on the following four items. See attached for details: Beer Garden at 720 L Street SE, Addition at 1113 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Renovations and New Construction at 3rd Street and Massachusetts Ave NE, Car Barn at Spingarn High School. Historic Preservation Review Board met on March 28th and April 4th; see attached testimonies in the packet.
- Submitted comments for the 2016 Draft DC Historic Preservation Plan. See attached
- Sent letter to the HPRB regarding 211 C Street NE regarding our suggestions and overall conclusion that it is compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District.
- **Newsletter** – Lisa Dale Jones
- Reviewed possible articles for next newsletter.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm