

Minutes for February 19, 2019

Capitol Hill Townhouses Community Building, 750 6th Street SE, Washington, DC

Members Present

Joanna Kendig, Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Tina May, Larry Pearl, Chuck Burger, Gary Peterson, Susan Oursler, Patrick Lally, Nina Tristani, Janet Quigley, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Undine Nash, Susan Burgerman, Michelle Carroll, Elizabeth Hague, Maygene Daniels, Angie Schmidt, Monte Edwards

Also present

Jill Cullinane

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

The January minutes were read and reviewed. Minutes approved as published.

Treasurer's Report Susan Oursler

Susan is changing the format of the report somewhat to make it clearer and easier to follow. The idea was suggested for considering getting a new accountant to prepare our tax form. Due to a large amount of money in the checking account, it was suggested some money should be moved from the checking account to the savings account. There is also a suggestion that the treasurer will investigate making changes to the Dick Wolf and Swampoodle accounts so that checks can be written from them directly. The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board.

President's Report Elizabeth Nelson

The Society has been approached by Arcadia Press to develop a book on CHRS with no cost initially incurred. Elizabeth has to get back to the Press with a response and solicited some ideas from Board members as to what such a book should be about. Nina expressed interest in taking the lead on this.

The meeting at the FRA is scheduled for February 27th on the Union Station EIS.

Dick Wolf Lecture Monte Edwards absent

Monte submitted a written report detailing the selection process for this year's lecturer. This year's lecturer is John Hillegass, a student of Uwe Brandes in the Urban and Regional Planning program at Georgetown University. Mr. Hillegass's lecture will be Dismantling the Streetcar System = What Have We Learned? Following the lecture, a panel consisting of Andrew Trueblood, Director of Office of Planning, John DeFarrari, author of Streets of Washington blog, and Shyam Kannan, WMATA's Managing Director of Planning and Transit Asset Management, will discuss the major points of the lecture. The lecture will be presented Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7 PM at the Hill Center.

Swampoodle Grants - Larry Pearl

Larry presented an application for fence replacement funding. The fence replacement work was done without prior written approval from the board – as required (and indicated both on the website and grant application form). However, the work was performed well and does enhance the property. After discussion, the grant application was approved with one abstention. The applicant will be advised that prior written approval is required so that she does not inadvertently provide misinformation to her neighbors. Further discussion established that any old copies of the Swampoodle Grant application form will be discarded and that the website will be updated to more prominently display this requirement.

Historic Preservation Report Beth Purcell, Jim Thackaberry

201 8th Street NE

The HPRB required the project applicant to use the existing building entrance on 8th Street NE. No new building entrance off Constitution Avenue will be allowed. All other aspects of the proposed project including the proposed new four unit building were approved HPRB.

Southeast Branch Library Branch Historic Landmark Application

The CHRS landmark application was accepted by the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) for processing for approval. ANC 6B and the Friends of the Southeast Library are sending letters of support for the application.

Update on 326 A Street SE

Beth shared photos showing the extent of the demolition done at 326 A Street SE with the Board. The HPO inspected the demolition and halted the work until the project applicant and contractor submit for review and approval updated demolition plans showing the extent of demolition.

Zoning Report Gary Peterson

There was no Zoning report. The new meeting date of the Zoning Committee is the third Thursday of the month.

Photo Contest Elizabeth Nelson

The current photo contest is continuing and will close on March 16th. The theme of the contest is Capitol Hill Home.

House Tour Report Janet Quigley

At the time of the Board meeting, 7 houses have been selected with three more selections pending approval. The tour area focus this year is the area south of Lincoln Park. The Corner Store (at the corner of 9th Street and South Carolina Avenue) has been selected for the refreshment stop. Elizabeth mentioned that the Eastern High School Band may participate in some fashion on the tour. She has to get more details from her school contacts.

Newsletter Report Angie Schmidt absent

Elizabeth gave the report giving a summary of tentative articles, features, and photos.

Preservation Café Venue Joanna Kendig

Joanna is investigating possible venues for future Preservation Cafes. The old venue at the Northeast Library can no longer be used because organizations must now register on line and can register no sooner than two months before an event. Possible ideas of venues should be submitted to Joanna.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Joanna Kendig and seconded by Beth Purcell. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.
