

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting

Minutes for May 21, 2019

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

Members Present

Janet Quigley, Michelle Carroll, Chuck Burger, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson, Angie Schmidt, Maygene Daniels, Beth Hague, Beth Purcell, Susan Oursler, Monte Edwards, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Undine Nash, Tina May, Nina Tristani, Joanna Kendig, Susan Burgerman, Patrick Lally, Lisa Dale Jones

Also Present

Jill Cullinane

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Minutes

Minutes were approved as published.

President's Report Elizabeth Nelson

Joanna Kendig was approved as the new chairman of the Environment Committee.

Fourth of July Parade – the question was asked as to what items we could throw to the parade watchers that would environmentally appropriate. One suggestion was hard candy. Fans (as in church type hand held fans) were also suggested and will be priced to see they are affordable as handouts. We are looking at fans as an alternative to Mardi Gras beads. If anyone has any other suggestions for affordable handout materials, please forward those suggestions to Elizabeth. Monte Edwards said he might drive his car in the parade if it is operating.

CHRS was invited to join the Ward 6 Democrats in the parade. But CHRS can't march with them because the Ward 6 Democrats are a particular political party and we are a non-political organization. We may be able to coordinate themes if other parties are involved.

The National Trust suggested that CHRS apply for a traffic study grant to do a traffic study for the Union Station area. Dru Tallant would apply to the National Trust for the grant. It was agreed that CHRS should pursue this.

Zoning Report Gary Peterson

Gary presented 6 cases from April and May. The descriptions of the cases were emailed to the board members before tonight's board meeting. The committee approved 4 of the cases and opposed 2.

House and Garden Tour Report Michelle Carroll and Janet Quigley

The House and Garden Tour was very successful despite the bad weather. The addition of the gardens (courtesy of the Capitol Hill Garden Club) was a very nice and much appreciated attraction for the Tour

participants. The budget target numbers for the Tour were met or exceeded. There were lots of ticket sales on the days of the Tour.

Treasurer's Report Susan Oursler

The report was approved as published. Board members need to get their budget numbers to Susan as soon as possible. Budget numbers for the upcoming membership meeting need to be forwarded to Susan as soon as possible. Next year's budget will be voted on at the July board meeting and be published in the September newsletter. The membership will vote to approve the budget at the September membership meeting. Committee members need to their budget numbers to Susan in the next two weeks. Emerald Street Historic District signs pricing is going to be included in the next year's budget.

Historic Preservation Report Beth Purcell

429 5th Street NE - the submission package to HPRB was very incomplete. HPO staff required the applicant to resubmit the package.

620 C Street SE - HPRB didn't like the original design and required the project applicant to set back the third floor and redesign it. The redesigned setback third floor was submitted last month. The neighbors still opposed the new design of the setback third floor.

417 9th Street SE – There is a zoning classification issue. The proposed project was designed using MU-4 commercial zoning. The site is actually zoned RF-1 residential zoning and only townhouse construction is permitted.

Membership Update – Janet Quigley

Membership is dropping. We need to make efforts to pick up membership numbers. One suggestion is to send we miss you letters to members whose memberships have lapsed. Another suggestion is to approach docents from the House Tour to ask them to join CHRS. Maygene Daniels is willing to serve on a reconstituted membership committee. Beth Hague and Angie Schmidt are also willing to serve on this committee.

Newsletter – Angie Schmidt

The newsletter will include these items – a House and Garden Tour wrap-up article, zoning reports, Historic Preservation report, notice of membership meeting upcoming in June, a ballot reminder to vote for the candidates for CHRS offices, and an article on the 10th anniversary celebration of the reopening of the restored Eastern Market. The deadline for all articles is May 25th.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.