

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting

Minutes for July 16, 2019

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

Members Present

Beth Purcell, Elizabeth Nelson, Alison Ross, Susan Oursler, Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Tina May, Joanna Kendig, Chuck Burger, Christine Mullins, Maygene Daniels, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Nina Tristani, Gary Peterson, Patrick Lally

Others Present

Jill Cullinane

Minutes

The minutes were accepted as amended. Christine Mullins abstained.

President's Report Beth Purcell

All the present committee chairs were reappointed by a requested vote. Elizabeth Nelson was appointed as the new House and Garden Tour Chair. The appointment was approved of by a vote of the board. The present Zoning Committee and Historic Preservation Committee members were reappointed and approved. The Endowment Committee membership, consisting of John Shages, Susan Oursler, Ray Prince, Nick Alberti, Elizabeth Nelson, Monte Edwards, and Steve Daniels, was appointed and approved by Board vote. The House Expo will be held on October 26th in the Eastern Market North Hall. The rental cost is \$875 plus a \$500 deposit. The Board approved the event by a motion passed by the Board that was moved by Elizabeth Nelson and seconded by Chuck Burger.

Eastern Market Study Chuck Burger

EMCAC has \$300,000 available for a study. An RFP for a proposal to develop a 5 year plan for the Eastern Market is being considered. It appears that three parties may reply to the RFP. The deadline for submittals is the week of July 23rd. Susan Oursler explained the need for the selected group to have local DC knowledge to better evaluate market conditions. A letter of interest in one of the potential respondents who has local knowledge should be considered by the Board. Christine Mullins made a motion seconded by Elizabeth Nelson that such a letter should be sent. The motion passed.

Budget Susan Oursler

Susan explained points of change in the final budget. There are two primary sources of income for CHRS - House Tours ticket sales and membership dues. The other possible source of income is dividend and interest income from the Endowment Fund. Monte Edwards made a motion to move \$20,000 from the Endowment Fund to the operating budget for next year in order to cover shortfalls in the proposed budget. \$3,000 of the amount will go to the Membership Committee. The motion was seconded by

Elizabeth Nelson and passed. A second motion was made by Elizabeth Nelson and seconded by Beth Hague to spend \$2,500 on a new CHRS laptop computer. The motion passed.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell, Joanna Kendig

The monthly Review Committee work process was presented by Beth.

Hartmann and Cox 1983 addition to the Folger Library - presented by Joanna and Beth. The Hartmann addition was nominated by the DC Preservation League to also be landmarked with the rest of the original building. The addition meets DC Historic criterion - was designed by a modern master designer – George Hartmann. The addition also complements the original Cret building.

Members Meeting Beth Hague

The June 25th Members meeting at the Hill Center had a presentation on the Little League and a presentation by Andrew Trueblood of the Office of Planning. The September 25th Members meeting, also to be held at the Hill Center, will have the members vote on the final budget for next year and will have a presentation by Mathew Gilmore on the Swampoodle Historic District.

Zoning Beth Hague for Gary Peterson

The last committee meeting considered three cases

323 rear Linden Court NE - committee opposed

802 8th Street NE - committee supported

323 5th Street SE – took no position.

House Expo Planning Chuck Burger

Working on getting sponsors at the moment. Having the Expo on Saturday will make a big difference with the number of people visiting the Expo - many more people will visit. Exhibitors are charged \$150 per table.

Barrack's Row Report Chuck Burger

Work is proceeding on retooling the market model for the Barrack's Row.

Office Clean-up Elizabeth Nelson

The office was cleaned up and many materials were gotten rid of.

House Tour Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth needs help on the tour planning – selling advertising and getting houses on the Tour. We need eight houses on the Tour.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The deadline for articles for July-August issue is August 25th. The newsletter should be in the mail by September 6th. Some of the articles will be Zoning and Historic Preservation reports, the final budget,

Members meeting preview, information on the Preservation Café, a letter from the new president, and information on the House Expo.

Adjournment – 8:21 PM.