

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting

Minutes for September 17, 2019

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

Members Present

Gary Peterson, Chuck Burger, Monte Edwards, Alison Ross, Joanna Kendig, Larry Pearl, Elizabeth Nelson, Maygene Daniels, Christine Mullins, Susan Oursler, Beth Hague, Angie Schmidt, Patrick Lally, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Beth Purcell, Nina Tristani, Tina May, Undine Nash

Other Present

Jill Cullinane

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM. Meeting is being chaired by Maygene Daniels in Beth Purcell's absence.

Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and approved as published.

Treasurer's Report Susan Oursler

Susan made a motion to approve the bonus for Jill Cullinane. Motion was seconded by Elizabeth Nelson and approved by the Board. Susan posed the question of how much money should be left in the checking account. After discussion, the board decided that the Treasurer should have further discussion after the meeting and come back to the Board with a recommended amount at the next board meeting.

President's Report Maygene Daniels for Beth Purcell

Elizabeth Nelson reported on the call-box fix-up grant application. Nancy Metzger has filed the permit application and the permit fee may be waived.

The Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenue SE Intersection Improvement Project is moving forward. The Project design turns the dangerous intersection into a type of traffic circle.

Section 106 comments on the renovation of Marine Barracks Building 8 historic building (NE corner of 8th and I Streets SE). CHRS is participating as a consulting party and filed comments on August 2, 2019.

Swampoodle Grant Proposals – Larry Pearl presented five applications. The Harrington application at 718 4th Street NE was approved. The two applications from Hartman/Wilson were approved as amended and the funding amount split between the two applications. The Lally application at 715 3rd Street NE was approved. Patrick Lally recused himself from the approval vote. The Sparrow application at 309 F Street NE was not approved because the property is not located in the Swampoodle Historic District. There was discussion as to whether the boundaries of the area for Swampoodle grant

applications should be extended, perhaps to include the opposite sides of streets. A motion was made and approved that the matter should be further considered at a future board meeting.

Members' Meeting Beth Hague

The members' meeting is next week and the speaker will be Mathew Gilmore who will speak on the Swampoodle Historic District neighborhood. The meeting will be at the Hill Center. The business meeting begins at 6:40 and the speaker will be introduced at 7:00 PM.

Historic Preservation Report Alison Ross, Joanna Kendig

215 G Street NE – Montessori at Logan School Alison Ross - The brick color of the proposed addition was changed in response to the HPRB request.

1104 C Street SE - Joanna Kendig - The proposed renovation proposed a new basement apartment with a new entrance from the front yard. The HP committee opposed the application because the proposed basement apartment would be very dark and would have only one window in the back and a glass entrance door in the front.

Hartman – Cox Addition to Folger Library Landmark Application – Joanna Kendig, Alison Ross - HPRB staff spoke favorably about the landmark application but ultimately recommended that the landmark application be denied because the addition was not old enough yet. HPRB did not approve the landmark application.

Zoning - Gary Peterson

The committee met August 5th and considered 8 cases. The committee voted to support five of the cases. However, it voted to oppose 224 C Street NE because the project did not meet the standards for the zoning relief sought. Additionally, the owners would be holding fundraising party events at the ancillary building, which is an inappropriate use at that location and is objectionable to the neighbors. The committee took no position on 1429 D Street SE and voted to oppose the initial application on 328 Kentucky Avenue SE but will reconsider revised plans at the next Zoning meeting. The next meeting is October 19th.

Gary talked briefly about an online article regarding a new Design Review process in the new Zoning regulations that can be used in lieu of a PUD process under certain conditions. The property to use the process must have a minimum of two acres.

Eastern Market Signage - Monte Edwards

There is money in the DC budget for installing signage on the Eastern Market Building at the main entrance and the north and south entrances. The same letter font will be used on the signage at all three entrances. The proposed sign designs are being presented to the Commission on Fine Arts this week for approval.

House Expo - Chuck Burger

Almost all the vendor tables at the Expo are filled up. We need more sponsors. At the present time, no plumbers or HVAC contractors have signed up. There will be demonstrations on products and elements

in houses such as windows. CHRS is going to have a table at the Expo and will give tour of the Market building. Eastern Market Main Street is going to have a table at the Expo. We need three shifts of volunteers for several tables.

House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

Eliazabeth began her report by stating that CHRS is going to have a table at Barracks Row Day on September 28th. The first meeting of the House Tour committee is in October. Joseph Snyder has committed to providing an image for the cover design for the tour brochure. Jean Kohanek will be retained to do the graphic design for the print materials as she did last year and at the same price. The area of the tour concentration is not yet decided. We need a few houses committed before an area of concentration can be decided.

Membership Maygene Daniels

The Preservation Café tomorrow evening will solicit new members. The Membership Committee is selecting a membership tracking software package at the moment. The membership brochure needs to be redesigned.

Preservation Café Update - Christine Mullins

The September café presentation will be by Steve McKinley-Ward and Alex Grieve at East City Book Shop at 6:30 PM. The October café subject will be Ghosts of Capitol Hill. The November subject has yet to be selected.

Barracks Row Update Chuck Burger

Chuck is working with the homeless situation on 8th Street SE. There is now a designated person to help keep the street free of litter.

Little League Angie Schmidt

CHRS is not included in the Fall Little League season but will be included in the Spring Little League season, gratis.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

Articles to be included in the next issue include House Expo, Preservation Café (date for the October 16th will be included in issue), the membership meeting, Eastern Market signage article, Historic Preservation briefs, Zoning briefs. Hard deadline for everyone is September 24th except for the membership meeting article whose deadline will be September 26th.

Adjournment

Elizabeth Nelson moved and Angie Schmidt seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.