

## **Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting**

**Minutes for October 15, 2019**

**Capitol Hill Community Building 750 6<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Washington DC**

Members Present

Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Alison Ross, Monte Edwards, Maygene Daniels, Joanna Kendig, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmidt, Beth Hague, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Tina May, Undine Nash, Chuck Burger, Nina Tristani, Susan Oursler, Patrick Lally, Gary Peterson

Others Present

Jill Cullinane

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

### **Minutes**

Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report** Beth Purcell for Susan Oursler

The report was accepted as published in the meeting agenda package. The budget for this year was approved by CHRS members at the September Membership Meeting.

**President's Report** Beth Purcell

At the membership meeting on September 26, 2019, Matthew Gilmore gave a presentation on the history of Swampoodle.

CHRS members approved the proposed budget of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019.

Planning for the Housing Expo on October 26, 2019 is progressing. Sponsors as of this meeting are the Hill Rag, Chuck Burger, Steve Hagedorn, and Coldwell Banker. Chuck is still trying to get more sponsors. The architectural window vendor at the Expo will also be giving a presentation. CHRS literature and brochures will be given out at the Expo.

In an update on the Call Box project, Beth noted that DDOT notified Nancy Metzger and Steve Kehoe that all the call box maintenance permits that CHRS requested have been issued. DDOT waived the permit fees and the artists are providing their time and materials at no cost to CHRS.

**Historic Preservation Report** Beth Purcell

There was only one case before the HPRB – 142 D Street SE. HPRB didn't approve the proposed project. The project has a third floor pop-up that can easily be seen from the street. The owners are now going to sell their property.

**Zoning** Beth Hague for Gary Peterson

The Albert's Liquor store, at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Kentucky Avenue SE, is proposing to have additional floors above the present one story building. A zoning change is necessary to permit the expansion to be built. The Zoning Committee voted to oppose the project application on the grounds that the criteria for a variance were not met.

**Eastern Market Signage** Monte Edwards

The Fine Arts Commission has approved the latest signage submittal package. Eastern Market will be spelled out in individual letters that will be installed in three locations – the main central entrance on 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE, the north entrance at the North Hall plaza, and the south facing façade on C Street SE. All the signs will have the same font style and size. In addition, two banners will be permitted to be installed flanking the main central entrance.

**Membership** Maygene Daniels

Copies of the brochure have been made to hand out at the House Expo. Database software has been selected in which membership data will be entered.

**Preservation Café** Christine Mullins

The next one is scheduled for tomorrow and Justine Bello will present the topic Ghosts of Capitol Hill. The first Preservation Café, held last month, a presentation on Capitol Hill trees, was very successful and well attended. The November Café will feature a presentation by Gary Barnhart on November 20<sup>th</sup> will discuss Tools and Materials of Historic DC Buildings. There will be no December Preservation Café.

**House Tour** Elizabeth Nelson

The Tour committee has settled on the focus footprint for next year's House Tour to be area to the south of Independence Avenue SE between 4<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets generally. At this point, Elizabeth needs Board members to forward likely candidate houses to her and the committee members.

**Newsletter** Angie Schmidt

The deadline for article submissions is October 20, 2019. Articles to go in the issue are: - Historic Preservation report, Zoning report, a wrap-up of the October Preservation Café presentation on Capitol Hill trees and a preview of the upcoming November Café, a thank you to the Housing Expo vendors and sponsors, a write-up on the Barracks Row Day, a write-up on the Eastern Market signage, a membership pitch, House Tour Planning information, and pictures of the Albert Liquor Store zoning case.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.