

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting

Minutes for December 17, 2019

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

Members Present

Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Purcell, Susan Oursler, Jim Thackaberry, Maygene Daniels, Gary Peterson, Tina May, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Alison Ross, Angie Schmidt,

Members Absent

Christine Mullins, Chuck Burger, Patrick Lally, Nina Tristani, Beth Hague, Undine Nash

Others Present

Jill Cullinane

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as published on a motion made by Elizabeth Nelson and seconded by Gary Peterson.

Treasurer's Report Susan Oursler

House Expo update was made by Jill Cullinane. \$2,286 was paid in expenses consisting of fees, hall rental, postcards and mailing. The event made \$3,260 from vendor fees and sponsors and the return of the \$500 deposit paid for the rental of the hall. Monte Edwards indicated that there is \$10,564 in the Dick Wolfe account currently.

President's Report Beth Purcell

The annual appeal letter was sent out and already responses have been sent back to CHRS. The approval for a House Expo on Saturday, October 24, 2020 has been given and the rental fee paid already. Jenk's Hardware has been contacted already about renting tables and chairs. Alison Ross and Maygene Daniel volunteered for next year's Expo.

The Nominations Committee for selecting candidates for the CHRS Board positions is being set up now. Elizabeth Nelson volunteered to serve as committee chair. Christine Mullins and Jeff Fletcher (not currently on the Board) agreed to serve on the committee. Motion to approve the Nominations Committee formation was made by Jim Thackaberry and seconded by Tina May and was passed by the Board.

Historic Preservation Report Alison Ross

716-718 L Street SE – the Preservation Review Board disapproved the proposed design and directed that the project be partially redesigned and resubmitted.

1355 A Street NE - garage construction proposed in the project was approved by the Board, but the proposed closing of the existing dogleg was disapproved by the Board. The existing dogleg is in a row of surviving doglegs.

19 4th Street NE – the project is a proposed reconstruction of an existing two story garage as a habitable unit on an alley.

Zoning Gary Peterson

There are no December cases scheduled. There were five cases presented to the committee in November two of which were approved as meeting the zoning requirements, two the committee took no position on and one that was not approved as not meeting zoning requirements. The applicant can resubmit reworked plans at the next committee meeting.

Dick Wolf Lecture Monte Edwards

The Hill Center has been reserved for the last Friday in March (March 27, 2020) for the lecture. No questions from the audience will be accepted. Instead, a group of panelists will direct questions to the lecturer. Tina May will be the facilitator with the Hill Center for the lecture.

Jill Cullinane was thanked for her efforts in sending out the organizational invitations. An evaluation committee will evaluate the proposals of the possible speakers submitting proposals by the January 17, 2020 submission deadline.

House Tour Elizabeth Nelson

In addition to Elizabeth Nelson, the committee consists of Maygene Daniels, Joanna Kendig, Nancy Metzger, Heather Schoell, Jackie Krieger, Beth Purcell and Betsy Rutkowski. There has been a good response thus far on the 250 letters that were sent out – twenty responses. Three contracts have been signed thus far with the strong possibility three more commitments. A graphic image for the Tour has been selected already. The Hill Center will be used for the refreshment break - probably a room on an upper floor. Community Forklift may provide some docents for the Tour. Many docents will be needed for the Tour so Board members should talk to friends about becoming docents.

Preservation Café Joanna Kendig for Christine Mullins

There may be a speaker from the Historic Preservation Office to speak about the Sustainability Guidelines being issued by the Historic Preservation Review Board. Another possible presentation may be to discuss what can be done to remove impervious surfaces in backyards.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The submission deadline for the combined January February newsletter is January 26, 2020. Topics for the March, April, and May Preservation Cafes will be needed. Zoning and Historic Preservation committee reports are needed. Also needed, material on upcoming Wolf lecture and summary of past Wolf lectures, requests for House Tour docents, photo contest call for submissions, and maybe an Eastern Market report update.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM