Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board  Meeting

Minutes for January 21, 2020

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

Members Present

Susan Oursler, Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Jim Thackaberry, Beth Purcell, Tina May, Joanna Kendig, Larry Pearl, Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Gary Peterson, Alison Ross, Angie Schmidt

Members Absent

Maygene Daniels, Chuck Burger, Patrick Lally, Nina Tristani, Undine Nash

Others Present

Jill Cullinane

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes

Minutes were approved as corrected by Elizabeth Nelson.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Oursler

We are moving $100,000 from checking account to the Vanguard account.

Swampoodle Report:  Larry Pearl

A 50% grant was approved for 732 3rd Street NE.  However, the final construction bill required the amount of the 50% grant to be increased.  Larry is submitting a request for an additional $579 to be added to bring the 50% grant to 50% of the final cost.  A motion to approve the increase was moved by Joanna Kendig and seconded by Susan Oursler and passed.

President's Report:  Beth Purcell

Beth and Elizabeth Nelson are going to a meeting tomorrow night where Anita Bonds will be giving CHRS an award for service to the DC community.  CHRS has applied for a grant on behalf of the Oral History Collaborate.  A motion to ratify the filing of the grant was passed.

The design process for DDOT Pennsylvania Avenue/Potomac Avenue Circle is moving forward to the 30% submittal.

Historic Preservation Report:  Joanna Kendig, Alison Ross

716-718 L Street SE. -  latest project design is on the consent agenda.  The HPRB Committee asked about the the various projections through the blank wall facing east.

All January cases are on the consent agenda.

Zoning:   Gary Peterson

Only two cases will be considered at the January meeting.  8th and G Streets NE - an old corner store being converted into apartments.  It has 100% lot coverage.  Propose converting existing porches into an apartment.  Committee approved part of the project but not the proposal for the additional unit.

1026 D Street NE   - the proposal wants to fill in the side yard and  needs a special exception to do so.  Committee voted to support the application if the neighbor writes a support letter.

Dick Wolf Lecture: Monte Edwards

The committee received three proposals and may receive a fourth proposal.  The proposals were forwarded to the review committee for consideration.  The committee will select the final two applications for further consideration and analysis by the end of  next week.

Eastern Market Strategy Plan Survey:  Beth Purcell

An online survey is being to determine the community's wishes about the needs and challenges to the Market.  The survey is being done by Robert Weinstein and his architectural firm, Architrave.  CHRS will help distribute the survey to the community.

Emerald Street Historic District signs:  Beth Hague

The two historic district signs that were budgeted have been fabricated and were shown to the board.

House Tour Report:   Elizabeth Nelson

The committee is making good progress and has tentatively identified the possible houses on the tour.  The Hill Center will be the refreshment center.  Help is needed with finding docents to staff the houses on the tour.  Need to sell more advertising for this year's tour.  Members need to show the tour brochure to potential advertisers.  The area of the tour in SE is from 4th to 9th Streets with the majority of the houses west of Barracks Row.

Preservation Cafe Updates:  Christine Mullins

Three presentations are scheduled for the spring.  March 18th - presentation by Robert Pohl with the National Historic Register of Historic Places, April 22nd - presentation by Nancy Metzger on call revitalization,  May 20th - Kim Williams presentation on historic estates in DC.

Joanna Kendig talked about sustainability guidelines just adopted by DC. Though no presentation is scheduled on the sustainability guidelines this spring.  The guidelines might be appropriate for a presentation to one of the upcoming membership meetings.

Newsletter.  Angie Schmidt

Submission deadline is January 20th for articles.  The issue will be published in February.  Items in upcoming issue -  December HPRB report, Zoning Report, article on upcoming Dick Wolf lecture,  House Tour update, the photo contest reminder, item on Emerald Street Historic District signs, Eastern Market Survey update,  Sustainability guidelines update.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.