

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting

Minutes for February 18, 2020

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

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

Members Absent

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

Others Present

Jill Cullinane

The meeting convened at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report Susan Oursler

Excess funds were moved from the checking account to the Vanguard account. Susan gave a Stanton Park Neighborhood Association funds transfer update. The contact person with Stanton Park Neighborhood Association can't be contacted. The transfer has not taken place yet as a result.

President's Report Beth Purcell

Beth gave an update on the New York Times editorial response. Beth, Nancy Metzger, and Elizabeth Nelson crafted the response letter. It appears not to have been published in the NY Times.

The DC Public Library has selected a design/construction team consisting of Quinn Evans Architects and Whiting Turner Contractors to design and build the renovation of the Southeast Branch Library.

On the DDOT Pennsylvania Avenue/Potomac Avenue Circle Project, the DDOT designer contacted CHRS to provide updates on the project.

The President's Party is going to be held June 14th at home of Carl and Undine Nash.

On 622-624 North Carolina Avenue, the renovation is being built from approved HPRB plans.

Historic Preservation Report Joanna Kendig and Alison Ross

411 New Jersey Avenue SE - two new townhouses are being proposed on the lot. The front portions of the design are very historicist in very closely copying window, door and dormer details on neighboring townhouses. The rear portions of the proposed design are in sharp contrast and very modern making the whole project seem like it was built at two different times. The committee's comments point out the design of the front portion is very historicizing. The design details in this portion of the project need to be simplified and made to look more modern. The comments support the proposed massing of the project generally but encourage simplification of the details.

Zoning Report - Gary Peterson

There is no Zoning Report.

Dick Wolf Lecture - Monte Edwards

The subject of the lecture is going to be RFK Stadium From the Past to the Future. Nick Malin, a graduate of Georgetown University who now works for the DMPED office, will be giving the lecture. The lecture will be structured as a shorter lecture with an expanded question and answer session directed by a several member panel to discuss issues about the future of the RFK site. Nick Malin can't accept the prize because he works for the DMPED Office. Therefore, no prize will be given this year.

Membership Report - Maygene Daniels

The goals of the committee have been largely achieved. Membership data is being established on a new data base with new software. An update to the CHRS brochure has been published. A committee needs to be set up to look into simplifying the membership structure to just about three levels of membership.

House Tour Report - Elizabeth Nelson

A full slate of house properties has been selected for the Tour. Nine contracts have been signed for all the properties. We will be needing many docents to staff these houses. The area of the Tour is south of Pennsylvania Avenue SE between 3rd and 10th Streets SE. Tour tickets sales will start on the second weekend of April.

Office Clean-up Day – Elizabeth Nelson

We need to make room of materials for the upcoming House Tour. Volunteers are needed for a thorough clean-up of the office. About three volunteers are needed over several days. Elizabeth will send out some possible clean-up dates.

Preservation Cafés Update - Christina Mullins absent (Beth Purcell reported for her)

Dates for the scheduled Spring Preservation Cafes are published in the current newsletter.

Newsletter – Angie Schmidt

The next issue is being published in March. The issue will contain articles about the Zoning report, the Dick Wolf Lecture, Preservation report briefs, updates of the House Tour houses and itinerary, photos of Emerald Street Historic signs, an elections reminder of deadline for nominations, and preservation café updates. Articles are due February 23rd.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.