

## **Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Minutes**

**Minutes for November 17, 2020**

**Meeting held remotely on line**

### **Members Present**

Beth Purcell, Christine Mullins, Tina May, Nick Alberti, Joanna Kendig, Undine Nash, Alison Ross, Chuck Burger, Beth Hague, Jackie Krieger, Angie Schmidt, Monte Edwards, Jim Thackaberry, Elizabeth Nelson

### **Members Absent**

Maygene Daniels, Gary Peterson

### **President's Report** Beth Purcell

The annual appeal letter is ready to send out.

205 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE Pursuant to the decision made at the October Board meeting, CHRS filed a letter with DDOT's Public Space Committee opposing the construction of an accessory building in the public parking.

The cooperative at 115 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE approached CHRS for advice on preserving their building. The Historic Preservation Committee will be meeting with them.

We received a raze permit notice for the following buildings outside the Historic District: - 203 and 205 K Street NE, 917, 919, 921, 923, and 929 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, and 208 and 210 Parker Street NE. Gary Peterson advises that these townhouses are zoned MU-4 or MU-5A and that apartments will be built. We will get photographs.

### **Secretary's Report** Jim Thackaberry

The minutes were corrected by Elizabeth Nelson. A motion was made by Elizabeth Nelson and seconded by Christine Mullins (noting that she was absent from the last board meeting) to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report** Nick Alberti

Nick presented the treasurer's report (budget and profit/loss sheets emailed to board members). It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

### **House Tour Report** Elizabeth Nelson

A Fall house tour is the earliest possible time for an in person tour in this coming year. We could possibly have a garden tour this summer if we can't have an in person house tour. At this point, Elizabeth is fairly certain that we can't have a Spring in person house tour. She won't start thinking about tours until March if it is evident we can't have an actual Spring house tour. In discussion it was suggested that maybe we could capture the email addresses of people who attend virtual presentations.

### **Preservation Café** Christine Mullins

Some people are having problems logging in on the remote cafes. The last café was Lost Farms and Estates of DC presented by Kim Prothro Williams. We are going to have additional cafes starting in March. Christine needs to find speakers for future cafes. We could possibly have an online Café in January or February.

**Historic Preservation** Beth Purcell

**514 Archibald Walk SE - this is a proposed one story garage adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with a balcony protruding into the alley public space. There is a second option to have a Juliet balcony that doesn't project into the public space. The addition is also higher than the 20 foot height limit for garages. The HPRB board didn't approve the proposal.**

**Membership** Beth Purcell and Elizabeth Nelson for Maygene Daniels

When people call CHRS with questions, we suggest that they might want to join CHRS and many have done so. Lapsed membership letters have been delivered or mailed to current lapsed members. We need to send automatic reminders to members as their membership lapses. The online membership form is not easy to fill in online and needs to be improved.

**Emerald Street Outreach** Beth Hague

Letters were sent out to residents on the block asking them to join CHRS.

**Newsletter** Angie Schmidt

The next issue will be the December/January issue. The deadline is 10/22/20 for submitting articles. Possible articles include – Historic Preservation wrap up, maybe a 205 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE report explaining the case the case and concept of public space, maybe photos of the buildings issued demolition permits.

**Zoning** - no report, Gary Peterson is absent

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.