

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

**Minutes for December 15, 2020**

**Meeting held remotely on line**

### **Members Present**

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

### **Members Absent**

Gary Peterson, Monte Edwards

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

Beth presented the suggested appointments to the nominations committee for CHRS board officers. The bylaws require to board to approve 3 to 5 CHRS members to serve on the committee. Beth proposed Elizabeth Nelson as chair along with Alison Ross, Susan Oursler, and Beth Hague. Motion to approve was moved and approved.

The annual appeal letter was mailed.

Charles Allen's on line meeting on the Comprehensive Plan was held November 17, 2020. We filed comments based on informal poll of the board.

### **Swampoodle Grants** Larry Pearl

Larry presented an applications for grants for 609 and 703 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE. The application was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting.

703 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE - Repointing and repair of brick arches is proposed. Approval of the grant is recommended. A second grant proposal is likely to be submitted for window replacement.

609 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE – replacing existing steel steps with wrought iron is proposed which will cost \$15,000 of which a \$5,000 grant is being requested. Approval of the grant is recommended.

Elizabeth Nelson made a motion to approve which was seconded by Jim Thackaberry. Motion was approved.

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

The minutes of the November 17, 2020 board meeting were emailed to the board members prior to this meeting. No changes were suggested to the minutes. Jim made a motion, seconded by Chuck Burger, to have the minutes approved as published. Motion was passed.

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

Nick presented the report and mentioned that within the CHRS reserve fund funds from short term bond funds were transferred to higher dividend mutual funds. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved.

**House Tour** Elizabeth Nelson

It is probably not possible to have an in person house tour in May on Mother's Day as we have done in past years. Maybe we will be able to have an in person tour in the Fall. However, we will be having another photo contest this year. There is no cost for the contest and it will serve as good positive marketing for CHRS.

**Membership Forum** Beth Hague

There is a membership forum on December 16, 2020.

**Preservation Café** Beth Purcell for Christine Mullins

There is virtual DDOT presentation going to be given at tomorrow night's membership forum.

**Historic Preservation** Joanna Kendig

514 Archibald Walk SE – update given on the revised plans for the January HPRB 2021 hearing and the announced removal of the tree house on the neighboring property.

646 E Street NE - HPRB upheld protecting doglegs in intact rows and allowed a screen porch on the first story of a dogleg with the second story open to the air.

Southeast Library Renovation – an update on the committee's meeting with the Library architect's team was given.

**Membership** Maygene Daniels

About 100 letters were sent to lapsing members and about 42 members or so have rejoined. More frequent follow-ups to lapsed memberships will be good for maintaining membership numbers.

**Zoning** No report because Gary Peterson is absent

**Ad Hoc Committee** Chuck Burger

Chuck presented his proposal for a committee to study over 30 days ways to better systematize and develop a strategy plan and recommendation for three items – strengthening membership, increasing our communication outreach, and making better connections with the community with the internet technology. In 45 days, the committee will develop specific recommendations, a timeline and maybe a proposed budget.

It was the sense of the board that the Ad Hoc Committee should proceed.

**Newsletter** Angie Schmidt

The next newsletter is due to go out in February. January 24<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting articles.

Maygene Daniels suggested that we need to investigate alternate means for conducting our remote board meetings. Chuck Burger will look into the pros and cons of using Zoom for our board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM