

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Minutes

Minutes for January 19, 2021

Meeting held remotely on line

Members Present

Tina May, Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Hague, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Beth Purcell, Larry Pearl, Gary Peterson, Nick Alberti, Alison Ross, Jackie Krieger, Monte Edwards, Angie Schmidt, Joanna Kendig, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent

Undine Nash, Christine Mullins

President's Report Beth Purcell

Beth made a presentation on 5G Cabinetry that is installed on streetlight poles. DDOT Public Service Committee (PSC) is supposed to issue guidelines on installing the cabinetry. So far no guidelines appear to have been issued. Currently, 5G installations are being installed in the Greater U Street Historic District. We need to determine if there are plans to make 5G installations on Capitol Hill.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

Corrections to the minutes to accurately reflect who attended the meeting were made. The minutes as corrected approved by a motion that was moved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The report was emailed to board members prior to the meeting. Nick presented the report. As of this meeting, CHRS has received slightly over \$5,000 in donations from the annual appeal letter.

Swampoodle Grants Larry Pearl

643 3rd Street NE - Larry presented an application for a grant for historic window replacements. Elizabeth Nelson made a motion, seconded by Nick Alberti, to approve the grant. Motion passed.

House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

It is not possible to hold an in house tour in May. In lieu of an in person tour, we are planning to do a menu of tours. Some potential ideas being discussed are homes of people who led resistance movements and having art gallery displays on porches. These tours would be run on Mother's Day weekend and the weekend after also. We can't charge for these tours but would ask for donations. There would be a selection of tours which would serve as good public relations for CHRS. The registration mechanism has to be worked out yet.

Membership Forum on December 16, 2020 Beth Hague

About 20 people participated. DDOT made a presentation on how the planning process and implementation process for street improvements proceeds. People asked very specific questions. Pennsylvania Avenue SE improvements plans were discussed.

Preservation Café Elizabeth Nelson for Christine Mullins

There will be an April café on mosaic tiles. No topic has been selected for March yet. We are trying to also have a café presentation in May.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell

Dru Tallant sent a letter to PEPCO regarding the placement of electrical panels on the outsides of houses in the front yards with the recommendation that submeters be used more to help eliminate these ugly exteriors locations.

Ad Hoc Membership Committee Chuck Burger, Jackie Krieger, Maygene Daniels, Angie Schmidt, Alison Ross, Nick Alberti

Membership, communications and technology approaches for CHRS were discussed. Elizabeth Engel has submitted a study proposal to CHRS to assist the committee in studying three areas – membership recruitment, communication with membership, and use of technology platforms. The proposal is for \$3,000. It will take approximately 90 days to do the study and a further 30 days to prepare a report for a total study and report period of 120 days. Chuck moved and Tina May seconded a motion to approve \$3,000 to do the study. Motion passed.

Membership Maygene Daniels

Membership is increasing slowly through increased contacts with members. We are sending letters to people who have received free newsletters.

Zoning Gary Peterson

The committee is looking at three cases currently. The schedule for upcoming cases through March was emailed to the board members.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The next issue will contain a write up of the December membership meeting, a call for nominations for officers, a zoning report, a historic preservation write up on use of submeter electrical meter boxes, announcement of another photo contest.

Elections Elizabeth Nelson

A call for nominations for officers will be included in the next newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.