

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Minutes

Minutes for February 16, 2021

Meeting held remotely on line

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

President's Report Beth Purcell

A bonus for Jill Cullinane (office manager) was discussed. Nick Alberti supported the motion. Elizabeth Nelson moved and Undine Nash seconded a motion, which was passed.

5G Issue – Should CHRS send a letter to the DC Public Space Committee (PSC)? PSC needs to issue guidelines on 5G installations including cabinetry boxes. Beth will send a letter to the PSC regarding the 5G guidelines. A motion to send the letter was moved by Nick Alberti and seconded by Maygene Daniels. The motion passed.

Beth reported on a DCPL grant that CHRS supported for GIS expert Brian Kraft to create interactive maps of buildings and residents in the Navy Yard area. DCPL forwarded the grant through CHRS which we paid to Brian Kraft. DCPL has agreed to the grant by an additional \$10,000 so that Brian Kraft can add data from tax assessments. No Board action is needed.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

Slight corrections for typos in the emailed minutes were made. Jim moved and Monte Edwards seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The report was emailed to Board members before the meeting. After discussion, Nick moved and Joanna Kendig seconded a motion to approve. Motion was passed.

House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

All the committed Tour participants for this year's tour are still committed to participating in a walking tour in May. Multiple walking tour ideas are being discussed further. Front porch art exhibits are being developed further with CHAW and the Hill Center interested in participating. A virtual menu of the tours is being developed. A donation mechanism is also being developed. Several other walking tour ideas are - Famous people's tour, Hollywood on the Hill tour, Parks tour. There will be limited attendees for **each tour and Mother's Day weekend is the weekend planned for the tours to take place.**

Preservation Café Christine Mullins

Maygene Daniels is making a presentation on February 17th about researching and preparing house histories. On March 17th Matthew Gilmore will make a presentation on the Botanical Gardens. Other upcoming Preservation cafes are – April 21st Building with Mosaics presented by Jim Miller, and May 19th Adaptive Reuse of Our Alley Dwellings presented by Justine Bello.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell

921 G Street SE - the proposed third floor addition would be easily visible from 10th Street SE

Ad Hoc Committee Chuck Burger, Nick Alberti

Chuck reported on a meeting with consultant Elizabeth Engel about preliminary ideas about membership renewal and regeneration goals. Among the ideas discussed was getting email addresses from people who receive complementary copies of the CHRS newsletter.

Nick made a motion seconded by Chuck to develop an announcement to the public making electronic access to the CHRS newsletter possible if the people agree to give us email addresses. Motion was passed.

Membership Report Maygene Daniels

The report was emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. Membership numbers are slowly increasing thanks to contacting people whose memberships recently lapsed. As of this report, 13 additional members had joined.

Zoning Report Gary Peterson

5 cases will be considered in February and March.

Capitol Grounds Fence Beth Purcell

Nancy Pelosi is establishing a commission to investigate the causes of the January 6th Insurrection. What should be in a letter that CHRS sends regarding our strong objections to the fence and to whom should the letter be sent. The fence is a temporary measure. Keeping the People's building and public space around it open for the entire people of the US is the important goal. Drafts of the letter will be sent around to the board members to start refining the language. Maygene will send out the first draft to everyone.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

February 2nd is the deadline for getting newsletter articles to Angie. Some of the articles for the newsletter are -

Historic preservation write-ups. Zoning case write-ups, Preservation Café – recap of upcoming café and listing of upcoming café dates and subjects, a discussion on 5G cabinets including photos, announcing a new photo contest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM