Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for March 16, 2021

Meeting held remotely on line

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM

Members present

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

Members absent

None

President's Report Beth Purcell

Gary Peterson is stepping down as Zoning Chair as of the end of March. Beth Hague has agreed to serve as interim Zoning Chair for 6 months with Nick Alberti assisting her as co-chair while the search for a permanent replacement chair continues. Elizabeth Nelson moved a motion to appoint Beth Hague as the Zoning Chair for 6 months. The motion was passed.

The CHRS nomination of the Southeast Library as an historic landmark was supported by DC Libraries and approved by the HPRB.

Letters and emails regarding the fence around the Capitol Building Grounds were sent out.

Beth testified at the DC Council oversight hearing on DDOT, presenting our position on 5G installations with cabinetry and requesting that the Council encourage the Public Space Committee to temporarily suspend issuing permits with cabinetry until the PSC issues guidelines on installations with cabinetry.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

The emailed minutes of the last Board meeting were amended slightly to change the language in the discussion of Jill Cullinane's bonus. Elizabeth Nelson moved and Christine Mullins seconded the motion to approve the amended minutes. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The emailed treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Nick made a motion to approve the report. Motions was seconded by Joanna Kendig and passed.

House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

The committee is working on the Artist at Home component of the Tour of Tours at the moment. There will be a total of 7 walking tours being offered. The registration mechanism will be through Event Brite.

Preservation Café Christine Mullins

March 24th is the rescheduled date for the Preservation Café Matthew Gilmore is presenting.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell

The 631 G Street SE garage renovation with a sloped roof was was approved by HPRB. A drawing of the proposed building elevation will be in the next newsletter.

Ad Hoc Committee Chuck Burger

The committee is working on:

- the message about CHRS to send out to the public,
- how to better maintain our membership.
- better ways to communicate with our membership and the public,
- how to get and use low maintenance and easy to use technology for CHRS.

Angie Schmidt suggested that the Board members send her information on which single member ANC districts we all live in so that can know better how wide spread our contact potential with ANCs is.

Maygene Daniels suggested that the committee review and update old ideas that CHRS has successfully used in the past.

Membership Maygene Daniels

Our membership has grown by one new member and 13 renewal memberships since the last report. Spring is usually our biggest membership growth because of the House Tour occurring.

Zoning Gary Peterson

There were three cases (307 A Street SE, 515 10th Street SE and 610 South Carolina Avenue SE) that all involved lot coverage increases. The committee voted to support all three cases.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is March 28th.

Articles to be included consist of:

Historic Preservation report, Zoning report, House Tour (Tour of Tours) description, Election nominations, a recap of the past Preservation Café presentation and upcoming café topics, a write-up on the Southeast Library Historic Landmark nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.