

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for April 20, 2021

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Others present

Larry Pearl

Swampoodle Grant Larry Pearl

Two energy grant applications are being considered: -

613 3rd Street NE

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There was discussion and an informal sense of the Board about the possibility of encouraging second bids in grant applications to help better understand the applications. No motion regarding this was passed. However, a motion to approve both grants was made by Elizabeth Nelson and seconded by Maygene Daniels. Motion passed.

President's Report Beth Purcell

No report.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

The minutes were emailed to all the members prior to the meeting. There was one slight amendment to correct a spelling error. The minutes with the one spelling correction were moved for approval by Jim and seconded by Elizabeth Nelson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The treasurer's report was emailed to board members prior to the meeting. After a brief discussion, Nick moved approval of the report with a second by Undine Nash. Motion passed.

Board Nominations Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth presented the proposed slate of candidates and then made a motion, seconded by Joanna Kendig, to approve the slate. Motion passed.

House Tour (Tour of Tours) Elizabeth Nelson

At the time of this meeting, about 120 tickets have been sold already. Many more tickets are expected to be sold before the event occurs on Mother's Day weekend. The Tour of Tours poster has been developed and has been used in an advertisement in the Hill Rag. About 20 laminated copies of the posters have been made for posting around the Hill. Assistants for the tour guides are still needed. Chuck Burger will send his media list to Elizabeth to better facilitate advertising the Tour.

Preservation Café Christine Mullins

The mosaic tile presentation is going to be rescheduled.

On May 19th, Justine Bello will be making a presentation on the Adaptive Reuse of Alley Buildings. In the second half of June there will be a possible virtual membership with a preservation café presentation.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell

The committee was approached by representatives of the Senate Cooperative apartment building (located on 2nd Street NE back of the Supreme Court Building) requesting a site visit and recommendations on proceeding with various improvement projects in the building.

The committee has received several inquiries about whether paving is possible in front yards for purposes of creating terraces. The committee is asking the Preservation Office about what homeowners can do in their front yards.

Ad Hoc Membership Committee Chuck Burger

The committee had its final meeting with the consultant. The consultant is preparing a proposal based on the committee discussions that the committee will review and examine. The committee will then development a comprehensive strategy for CHRS that will be presented to the Board. An implementation timeline and budget will be included. The committee is aiming to have the strategy ready to present to the Board in about 60 days.

Membership Maygene Daniels

Membership has been stable for the last few months with not many new members. We need to contact more lapsed members. There is usually a Spring pick-up in membership around the time of the House Tour. There was discussion about the follow up to the Eventbrite sign-ups for the Tour of Tours. Eventbrite has captured the email addresses of people who signed up for the Tour of Tours. Beth Purcell is going to send Maygene the contact inquiries list that she has.

Zoning Beth Hague, Gary Peterson, Nick Alberti

The Zoning Committee has a meeting on Thursday April 22nd.

There is a supplemental zoning request being considered for the Lincoln Park Café. The Lincoln Park Café is seeking a use permit change to allow business use inside a building that is presently designated for residential use. A photo of the café needs to be provided to go in the next newsletter issue.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The May issue is the next issue. The deadline for articles is noon April 22nd. Some articles that are going to be in the issue are Zoning, Historic Preservation, Tour of Tours write-up, an article on the public parking – what it is and what owners can do, Election Committee on the slate of candidates, possibly winners of the photo contest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.