

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for May 18, 2021

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

President's Report Beth Purcell

Beth introduced the subject of nominating Karine Semple as the Communications Committee Chair. Karine made a large contribution to the success of the Tour of Tours. After discussion by the Board, Elizabeth Nelson made a motion to nominate Karine Semple as the Communications Chair, seconded by Monte Edwards, that was passed by the Board.

Maygene Daniels introduced and discussed a Resolution of Recognition she is proposing be passed by the Board to recognize the efforts of all the people contributed to making the Tour of Tours such a success. Maygene made the motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Chuck Burger. The motion passed.

Beth suggested that a general membership meeting be held remotely on June 22nd. The meeting will have a presentation on Overbeck oral histories complemented by Brian Kraft's interactive map of the oral history sites. The board approved the June 22nd meeting date.

Chuck Burger talked about a missing Historic District sign located at 13th and C Streets SE and suggested that an additional location be found for another Historic District sign. The additional location would be selected in a selection process.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

The board minutes were emailed to Board members prior to this meeting. Jim mentioned a slight correction was made in how to indicate the people who attended the meeting. The corrected minutes were emailed to Beth Purcell and Elizabeth Nelson. Elizabeth Nelson made a motion. Seconded by Undine Nash, to approve the amended minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The treasurer's report was emailed to Board members prior to this meeting. Nick introduced and discussed the report. Nick moved, seconded by Christine Mullins, that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed.

Nick will be sending out next week the draft proposed budget for the coming new year.

House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

The tickets for the Tour of Tours sold out the week before the date of the event. There was a great deal of positive feedback from people who took the Tours. About \$2,800 will be coming from Event Brite for the ticket sales. There will probably be a net of about \$2,700 after all the expenses have been subtracted.

Several people have joined the Restoration Society as a result of participating in several of the Tours. We got very good publicity on the Tours and we got the email addresses of all the Tours attendees. We will be following up with them with a letter and a survey. Many of the most popular tours may be run again later in the year.

A general impression of how the tours ran is that the tours should be limited to no more than two hours in length. We could run another Tour of Tours in the future but as a separate tour from the House Tour.

Preservation Café Christine Mullins

The alley buildings presentation on May 19th is the last presentation for this season. We will resume with new café presentations in the Fall. We need to decide whether to do the Fall events as Zoom events or live in person events. Or maybe do a combination of both.

Historic Preservation Beth Purcell

132 10th Street SE – third story addition opposed by 23 neighbors. The case has been delayed until later to permit the applicant to submit revised plans.

900 South Carolina Avenue SE - the old corner store is on the June calendar. The store and accessory buildings are being redesigned. The Design Review committee recommends that the early 20th century bay store windows be kept in the redesign.

Southeast Branch Library renovations. The committee is submitting favorable comments on the latest version of the project design.

Membership Maygene Daniels

Membership is holding steady and increasing slightly. We have had 15 renewals and 8 new members in the last month or so.

Zoning Beth Hague

The report of the last Zoning Committee meeting was sent by email to all the board members.

Ad Hoc Committee Chuck Burger

The consultant submitted a report to the committee based on extensive conversations that the committee had with the consultant. The consultant made five recommendations:

CHRS should begin using a professional membership database

CHRS needs a more modern website

CHRS should clarify and improve our value to our membership and potential members

CHRS should better target our communications to segments of our audiences

CHRS should set up an organized recruitment process.

We need to set up working groups to look at the recommendations on membership software and updating the website.

Chuck moved that in the sense of the Board that the recommendations regarding membership software and updating the website are moving in the right direction. Gary Peterson seconded the motion. An

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The deadline for the June issue is May 23rd. Articles at the moment will include upcoming membership meeting, a wrap-up of the Tour of Tours, a Zoning report, Historic Preservation report, a Preservation café presentation recap.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM