

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes for June 15, 2021

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Gary Peterson, Jackie Krieger

President's Report Beth Purcell

There will be a membership meeting on June 22, 2021. Bernadette McMahon will make a presentation on Overbeck oral histories complemented by Brian Kraft's interactive map of oral history sites.

Tina May has agreed to serve on an advisory committee concerning murals to be installed on 7th Street SE, sponsored by Eastern Market Main Street. Monte Edwards will be representing EMCAC.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry

The minutes were emailed to board members prior to this meeting. The minutes were amended further to add a missing word to the House Tour report. With the amendment, Jim moved approval of the minutes with a second by Tina May. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti

The treasurer's report was emailed to board members prior to this meeting. There was no discussion or questions asked. Nick moved, with a second by Elizabeth Nelson, that the report be approved. The motion passed.

Draft Budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 Nick Alberti

The draft budget was emailed to board members prior to this meeting. Nick presented the draft budget. We are running a \$40,000 deficit currently because CHRS hasn't had House Tours for two years running. Review of past budgets shows that every year we have had spending deficits. In the last several years we have received several large bequests. But we can't count on these bequests continuing. We need to look for other sources of income.

The schedule moving forward for approval of the draft budget is that the board will approve the final proposed budget at the July Board meeting and the final approved FY 2022 budget will be published in the September newsletter.

There was much discussion and many questions were asked.

Nominations Committee/House Tour Report Elizabeth Nelson

Ballots returned by the deadline were counted and the proposed slate of officers was approved by those members returning ballots. Officers terms will begin on July 1st.

On the House Tour front, the next activity is going to be a rerun of several of the most successful Tour of Tours tours in September. We may even run a more tours in November depending on the demand for them. The tentative footprint for the 2022 House Tour will be the area south of Pennsylvania Avenue SE.

Historic Preservation Report Beth Purcell

There were three projects the committee commented upon.

420 11th Street SE - a rear addition to an 1874 house was conditioned on the applicant correcting illegally installed windows in the original house prior to the addition receiving HPRB approval.

232 10th Street SE - there are 51 neighbors opposing this third story rear addition; the case was deferred to the July HPRB meeting.

733 8th Street SE – proposed upper story additions to a commercial building opposite the Marine Barracks on Barracks Row.

Raze permits were applied for on 909 and 911 I Street NE (outside of the Historic District) This is part of a row of houses built in 1872.

Membership Report Maygene Daniels

The membership report was emailed to members prior to this meeting. The membership has been holding steady in the last month.

Ad Hoc Committee Chuck Burger

Three working groups are being formed to further discuss the first three recommendations from the consultant's report. All members are encouraged to participate in one of the three groups. The group to further discuss membership is being headed by Maygene Daniels, the group to discuss outreach is being headed by Angie Schmidt, and the group to discuss increased use of social media is being headed by Chuck Burger.

Zoning Report Beth Hague

The zoning report for the months of April and May was emailed to board members. There were six cases reviewed in April and three cases reviewed in May. The committee opposed three of the cases and supported six of the cases.

Newsletter Angie Schmidt

The deadline for the July/August newsletter is July 7th. Articles currently identified are:

Recap of membership meeting, historic preservation report, profiles on new board members, photos from July 4th parade, and an article on the public parking .

Before adjournment, a question was asked as to whether our next board meeting should be in person or not. Beth Purcell will check with our usual meeting site at the community center on availability and get back to the members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM