

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom July 21, 2021**

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Chris Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmidt, Karine Semple, Jim Thackaberry

Absent: Joanna Kendig

Swampoodle Grant Committee: Larry Pearl

Swampoodle Grants Larry Pearl reported for the Swampoodle Grant Committee on a proposed Energy Grant for a glass door at 714 4th St NE. The application is complete and includes all relevant documentation. A check will be issued after the work has been completed satisfactorily.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved to approve the grant request. Seconded by Gary Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: Larry Pearl agreed, at Board request, to create an inventory of past grants and a flyer to advertise the program for Board review. He noted that a blank grant application is available on-line.

President's Report Beth Purcell

President Beth Purcell reported on the CHRS Membership Meeting, held via video conference on June 22, 2021, 6:45 pm. At that meeting Bernadette McMahon presented a report on the Ruth Ann Overbeck Capitol Hill History Project, complemented by Brian Kraft's interactive map of oral history sites. The meeting was organized by Board member Chris Mullins.

The next membership meeting will be held in the Hill Center east garden on September 22, 2021. Due to cost and insurance issues, refreshments will be dessert and coffee.

Motion: Plans for the meeting were unanimously approved by email vote in advance of the Board meeting.

Secretary's Report Jim Thackaberry Minutes for the June meeting were sent to Board members via email prior to the meeting.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In accordance with CHRS by-laws, Jim Thackaberry's term as secretary ended on July 1. He is succeeded by Maygene Daniels.

Treasurer's Report Nick Alberti Treasurer Nick Alberti sent the monthly budget report and the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to Board members by email prior to the

meeting. The budget report included only routine operational expenditures, with no expenditures in the Dick Wolf or Swampoodle accounts.

Motion: Nick Alberti moved approval of the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jim Thackaberry. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion then turned to the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved approval of the proposed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention. The budget will be published in the September issue of the CHRS Newsletter and submitted for approval at the September 22 Membership Meeting.

Angie Schmidt explained the proposed \$1,000 budget item for renewed sponsorship for a Capitol Hill Little League Team. Due to COVID, CHRS sponsorship for 2020 was extended an additional season. The purpose of the sponsorship is to increase knowledge of CHRS in the community, reach out to younger neighbors and to support the community.

Motion: Chuck Burger moved approval for CHRS to sponsor a Capitol Hill Little League team in the coming budget. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

House Tour Report: House Tour chairman Elizabeth Nelson reported that in lieu of the traditional Mother's Day House and Garden Tour, the Tour Committee organized a "Tour of Tours", a series of outdoor guided walking tours, and "Artists at Home". mini art shows at artist residences. Tickets were sold for the walking tours; participation in the art component was free.

Additional walking tours will be offered in the fall.

House Expo Report: Expo chairman Chuck Burger reported that the 2021 Expo will be Saturday October 30, 2021 from 10 to 4 at Eastern Market North Hall. The committee is contacting potential exhibitors. Jenks Hardware is donating the table and chair rental.

Action: All Board members will be needed on October 30, especially at 9:00 am for set up, and throughout the day to work at the CHRS table and interact with the community.

Historic Preservation Report: Jim Thackaberry and Joanna Kendig

- 232 10th Street, SE: proposed third story addition changed to a two-story addition and proposal to demolish garage. The case will be heard by HPRB on July 22 or 29. There is also a BZA case for the property.
- 733 8th Street, SE (Howl to the Chief): proposed replacement of noncontributing building. CHRS and others persuaded the owner to build a retail space on the first floor of the planned replacement structure instead of an apartment-type entrance. HPRB approved the plans.
- 900 South Carolina Avenue, SE: proposal to replace the 1930s store window has been approved by HPRB. A discussion of the issue appears in the CHRS newsletter.

Membership Report: Maygene Daniels reported that membership had declined by about 6% after remaining stable for several months. She noted that this was due largely to a drop in renewals, possibly due to a seasonal shift. The Board discussed a number of ways to make renewal and reminders simpler and more reliable.

Action: The membership committee will look at the CHRS multi-tiered membership system and the timing of reminders with a view to simplification and support in any new membership management system.

Ad Hoc Membership and Communications Task Force: Chuck Burger, Jackie Krieger, Maygene Daniels, Angie Schmidt In keeping with consultant Elizabeth Engle's recommendations, Chuck Burger reported that groups have been formed to study and propose action.

Membership Database Maygene Daniels (chair), Nick Alberti, Beth Hague, Chris Mullins, Karine Semple, Jim Thackaberry The group met on July 12 to review systems for tracking membership that CHRS currently uses, to identify CHRS needs, and to develop a strategy to evaluate best-rated software packages. The committee will meet again on September 8 to narrow proposed software options.

Social Media and Web Site Chuck Burger (chair) and Elizabeth Nelson. The group will work with the communications committee to develop ideas to improve the CHRS social media presence, and with the Membership Committee to evaluate whether web site development should be part of a new membership management software package.

“Do it Now”– Angie Schmidt (chair), Beth Purcell, Undine Nash, Tina May, Jackie Krieger, Gary Peterson, Joanna Kendig. The group is gathering ideas and suggestions for ways that CHRS can handle its business better and more efficiently within existing structures, with attention given to prompt action.

Action: The Study Groups will meet during the summer with a view to presenting preliminary findings at the next Board meeting on Tuesday September 21.

Zoning Report: Beth Hague, Nick Alberti and Gary Peterson Beth Hague reported in detail on a proposal to build a back addition to 232 10th St SE, an unusual situation in which a neighboring porch on the south side of the building had been enclosed (as have others on the block) but the neighboring porch on the north side has not been enclosed. After extensive discussion, the Board recognized arguments on both sides of the issue and decided to take no position.

Motion: Beth Hague moved that CHRS should not take a position on the zoning case. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

Preservation Café. Chris Mullins reported that Preservation Cafés will be presented via WebEx in the fall until the COVID epidemic situation is resolved.

Motion to Adjourn: Chuck Burger moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Elizabeth Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Maygene Daniels, Secretary