

Capitol Hill Restoration Society Board Minutes for March 16, 2022

Meeting at Northeast Library Community Room

Meeting convened at 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Beth Purcell, Nick Alberti, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson, Angie Schmidt, Jackie Krieger, Beth Hague, Jim Thackaberry, Monte Hall, Joanna Kendig, Christine Mullins, Tina May,

Members Absent:

Chuck Burger, Undine Nash, Maygene Daniels

President's Report - Beth Purcell

After the Board voted to join the Historic Districts Coalition's support letter in support of the Park View Historic District nomination, Beth notified the Coalition of the vote and requested a copy of the final letter to HPRB

Secretary's Report - Jim Thackaberry taking minutes for Maygene Daniels

Beth presented the minutes for Maygene Daniels who was absent. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

Nick presented the treasurer's report which had been emailed to all the members. There was discussion of selecting a suitable project to fund with any reserve funds that CHRS may have in the future after we receive proceeds from our upcoming House Tours.

Preservation Café – Christine Mullins

Last evening's café presentation was well attended on Zoom. The Zoom presentations are very well received and are often better attended on Zoom than the in-person café presentations have been in the past. An upcoming café presentation on April 19th is Designing a Net Zero Row House: A Case Study. The May 17th café presentation will be Removing Permastone.

House Tour Report - Elizabeth Nelson

The Tour will include five private residences, plus the rectory of St. Peter's Church and an artist's home studio. There will be one additional virtual-only home included. St. Peter's Church, Christ Church and Hill Center (which will be the site of the refreshment break) will offer tours.

The poster design is final and an email copy of the poster was sent to the members. Advertising copy is coming in for the catalog. There is a need for house captains. Two captains are needed for each house. Staff is also needed for three will-call locations and help run the refreshment break station at the Hill Center. There will be an article in the April newsletter and a kiosk at the Eastern Market will be distributing postcards. Tickets are available on Event Brite – cost \$30 regular price and \$40 on the day of the event at the will-call locations.

There will be self-guided walking tours around St. Peter's Church and guided tours twice a day over the two days of the event.

The deadline for the photo contest is Sunday, March 20th. The March walking tours have netted \$1,700 so far.

Hill East Affordable Housing - Monte Edwards

Monte has talked with representatives of Council Chairman Mendelson, and Councilmembers Gray and Allen. The email that was sent to the CHRS board members included a discussion of the Hill East RFP and a discussion of how the earlier Townhomes development model worked. There was also a discussion of how cross subsidization could work on the Hill East developments. There is \$260 million in federal funds coming to DC that can be used for affordable housing.

A Council hearing is being scheduled in May or June on the Hill East RFP. CHRS will be supporting inclusion of affordable housing based on the Townhomes development model.

Historic Preservation – Jim Thackaberry, Joanna Kendig

The applicant on 528 4th Street SE proposed to use a replacement Hardie Board siding that looked like the original wood siding because the Hardie board is substantial like wood siding and more durable long term. The Design Review committee supported the applicant's application feeling that the Hardie Board looks substantially like wood siding and is more durable long term. However, the HPRB required the applicant to use wood siding that replicates the original wood siding.

Membership – Nick Alberti, Jim Thackaberry

We are able now to print membership reports from the web site using the Join It software.

Ad Hoc Membership - Angie Schmidt

Development of the alternate web-site format is in progress.

Zoning – Beth Hague

The report was emailed to the board members. The next meeting is March 24th.

Newsletter – Angie Schmidt

The deadline for submitting articles is March 20th. The next issue will include a report on new membership management software (Join It) being used, a write up on Preservation café presentations, announcement of the winners of the photo contest, Zoning committee report, Preservation Design committee report, a write-up on the founding of CHRS and House Tour write-ups and photos.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

