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**Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2022**

The meeting convened at 6 pm at the Northeast Branch Library

Members Present: Beth Purcell (Presiding), Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson,

Also Present: Larry Pearl, Swampoodle Grants Committee

Absent: Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Undine Nash, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

President's Report: Beth Purcell

The President invited Larry Pearl to present the report of the Swampoodle Grants Committee. The Committee recommends approval of an application from Benjamin and Holly Snow for an energy-improving roof covering on their property at 712 3rd Street, NE.

Motion: Gary Peterson moved approval of the energy grant application for 712 3rd Street NE. Nick Alberti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Maygene Daniels

Maygene Daniels submitted the slightly amended minutes for the April Board meeting for approval.

Motion: Jackie Krieger moved approval of the amended April minutes. Nick Alberti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and FY 2023 Budget: Nick Alberti

Nick Alberti presented CHRS financial reports for the past month.

The Treasurer also alerted the Board that he would begin compiling a proposed FY 2023 budget for discussion at the June meeting. The Board will be asked to vote on the budget in July. The budget as approved by the Board will be publicized in the September newsletter and presented to the membership for vote in September, either at the members' meeting or in some other approved manner.

Christine Mullins suggested that CHRS should use electronic ballots for the budget vote and future elections. Beth Purcell will look into city rules and the bylaws in this regard.

Preservation Cafes: Christine Mullins

Christine Mullins reported that Peter and Tina May gave an excellent presentation on “Not so Permastone: A History of a House in its Façade” via zoom on Tuesday evening May 17. The presentation was recorded and is available on the CHRS website.

The next Preservation Café will be in the fall. Suggestions are being solicited for topics and speakers.

Mothers Day House and Garden Tour. Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the 2022 tour was successfully held on Mothers Day weekend, May 7 and 8, 2022. Comments from tour-goers were quite positive, and home-owners and participating churches and the Hill Center seemed extremely pleased.

Pending final accounting, about 440 advance tickets were sold, mostly via Eventbrite. An additional 30-50 tickets were sold the weekend of the tour and via PayPal for a probable total of 480 to 490 tickets sold. An additional 75 comp tickets were distributed without charge.

The on-line component of the tour was notably popular, with some 200 views during tour weekend and to the present. The on-line tour will be available for ticket-holders through the summer via a hidden link distributed to ticket holders. (The 2020 virtual house tour will remain accessible via an open link on the CHRS website.)

The walking tours presented by Beth Purcell and Angie Schmidt were well-attended and popular, despite the poor weather.

Financial results for the tour will be available for the June board meeting.

House Tour chair Elizabeth Nelson expressed thanks to everyone who contributed once again to the success of the 2022 tour.

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell

Beth Purcell reported that the Historic Preservation committee reviewed a proposal for 745 10th Street, SE and determined that the proposal was in keeping with the Capitol Hill Historic District.

Membership: Maygene Daniels

Maygene Daniels proposed that the Board should determine details of a new CHRS donation structure to accompany the simplified dues structure approved at the February meeting. The Board agreed to present ideas for ways to acknowledge donations at various levels, either by recognition and appreciation alone or with tangible benefits. Jackie Krieger will accept and compile suggestions.

House Expo: Chuck Burger.

As approved by the Board, Chuck Burger has reserved Eastern Market North Hall for the 2022 House Expo scheduled for Saturday October 29. The date was chosen to coordinate with Hilloween. Set-up will be at 8 am and closing at 3 pm, an earlier time to accommodate vendor preferences. A vigorous effort will be made to publicize the event and vendors.

Jenks Hardware has agreed to provide tables and chairs without charge.

The North Hall fee will be \$700 plus a \$500 refundable security deposit.

Motion: Chuck Burger moved that the Board approve payment of \$700 for the rental of the North Hall for the 2022 House Expo and \$500 for the refundable deposit. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Zoning: Beth Hague, Nick Alberti

Beth Hague submitted the zoning committee report which Nick Alberti presented to the meeting in her absence.

The Zoning Committee reviewed 6 cases and voted to support 5, those for 135 Kentucky Ave SE, the alley lot between 15th and 16th street, C and D NE, 634 East Capitol Street NE, 109 11th Street SE and 1208 D Street SE.

The committee voted to oppose the request for special exceptions for 420 4th St NE, which would call for increasing lot occupancy from 73% to 95%. The committee noted that the applicant's reasons do not meet the test for granting an area variance.

Other Business

The President will poll board members a few days in advance of the June Board meeting to see whether a majority prefers to meet in person or via Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn:

Chuck Burger moved to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.