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CHRS Receives Prestigious National Trust for Historic Preservation Award for Organizational Excellence

by Rob Nevitt

In Louisville, Kentucky, September 29, at the Annual Convention of the National Trust, CHRS was presented the Trustee's Award for Organizational Excellence "For Tireless and Effective Advocacy for Preservation and Livability of a Vibrant Historic Neighborhood in our Nation's Capital." The President of the National Trust, Richard Moe, presented the award after remarks by Trustee Mary Werner DeNadai, FAIA. Richard Moe will re-present the award at the October 6 Member's Meeting at St. Peter's Church.

The presentation ceremony was held at the historic Palace Theatre in Louisville, before an audience of more than a thousand, representing every state in the country. I accepted the award, accompanied by Nancy Metzger, Shauna Holmes and Donna Hanousek.

News of the award had been embargoed, so we couldn't share it in advance of the actual presentation. I regretted that, for it was nice to be recognized and I wanted to share the good news. It seemed an appropriate tribute to the phalanx of people who have worked so hard over the fifty years of CHRS's existence that we were recognized this year.

I wasn't quite prepared for my reaction to the actual event. First of all, the National Trust is the work of CHRS magnified thousands of times, as represented by the several thousand people who came for the field trips and workshops over the week of the convention. The Trust and its officers and members represent a monumental commitment to the uphill struggle to preserve the nation's heritage. Second, there were other awardees — and very impressive ones — honored for preserving a grain elevator in Kansas, for restoring a synagogue in the Virgin Islands, for restoring a Chinese YWCA in San Francisco and for founding the Main Street Program, which has



CHRS President Rob Nevitt and Historic Preservation Committee Chair Nancy Metzger with CHRS Historic Preservation Committee members Donna Hanousek and Shauna Holmes (left to right). Photo: Norman Metzger

benefited two of Capitol Hill's own, Eighth Street and H Street. There were more. I was awed and humbled to find us in this company.

Finally, in the aftermath of the ceremony, these veteran preservationists made a point of congratulating CHRS for the breadth of our efforts and for our accomplishments. To humility was added enormous pride at measuring up, in the eyes of this group.

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President's Column

by Rob Nevitt

Last month I raised the issue of security around the Capitol and the impact on the community, as well as on security itself. I limited expression of personal views because I have been admonished that I was sounding either parochial, putting our convenience ahead of security, or pretentious, by saying my views on the effectiveness of these measures trumps those of experts. Gene Smith's accompanying essay on missing the debate is still relevant: there is not much debate with those making these decisions. That is certainly a legitimate issue, perhaps THE legitimate issue, for citizens of this Republic to raise, particularly in a growing atmosphere of smothered debate.

We haven't heard much response from our members about a position the Society should take. There has been a lot written in the media about the effects of bus rerouting, the "Check-point Charlie" atmosphere and the evocation of divided Berlin. *The Hill*,

Transportation Dan Tangherlini to get the buses rerouted and, on September 27, they were. Representative Norton said that not all the drivers got the word, but they will. This is welcome news, not that bus routes are the only issues connected to congressional security that residents have felt the impact of. We live next to one of the top three targets of any terrorist wishing to strike at the symbolic heart of the American democracy, which gives us a special stake in decisions on security measures, apart from bus routes. We live in the line of fire. There is little argument that Chief Gainer's measures do nothing to protect us and considerable argument that those measures do little to protect the Congress. It seems to me logical that a Congress that is trying to impose its view that lifting gun restrictions in DC in the name of public safety should also encourage packing weapons in Congress.

We need to talk about the issue — and talk comprehensively — at the planning stages.



that, as far as I know, have not seen the light of day.

Like many of our membership, I have had some experience with security, working in our embassies abroad. Protecting our public affairs responsibilities meant I was often up against guidelines meant to put embassy staff out of reach of foreign publics. There is an arrogance of a special kind that goes with the responsibility for security and who can envy those with that responsibility, where success is measured by nothing happening? Who dares be against security? However, other priorities need to be recognized, not dismissed. What is required is the courage to challenge the unchallengeable and take collective responsibility for mitigating the extremes and exploring alternatives. Security measures, of course, require expertise, but expertise does not trump the views of those subject to them. The patient has as much of a role as does the doctor. It is called consultation and it is missing in this instance.

So, it seems to me, there are the parochial questions of bus routes and impeded traffic flow around the Capitol as well as the "cosmic" question of trading off freedoms for safety and what works to ensure either or both of them.

Please, can we talk? ✧

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the Capitol Hill newspaper, ran a story on the dissatisfaction felt by members of Congress with Capitol Police Chief Terry Gainer for his lack of consultation with them.

The day I am writing this, I heard our Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton say that she did not intend to spend her life on the Hill (where she also lives) with check-points and closed streets. She has sought the cooperation of Metro through DC Director of

Chief Gainer stood up, unprompted, in a CHRS members' meeting last year and emphatically promised us the return of the Capitol grounds. How much of the Capitol grounds, when, under what circumstances and with what limitations are all legitimate questions. Collectively, they should be subject to multiple answers. Representative Norton said that the mayor has proposed alternatives to Chief Gainer's unilateral measures,

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Comprehensive Plan Revisions

by Richard Wolf

Starting sometime in October the Office of Planning will start the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan, District of Columbia Elements. This revision will come to the Council sometime in 2005 or 2006. OP's effort will be guided by its outline of a plan called the "Vision Plan" which was endorsed by the Council earlier this year. A citizen panel of some 27 members selected by Council members and the Mayor will advise on the development of this document. The critical issues are the degree of specificity in the plan; the process for citizen involvement in planning; whether or not there will continue to be ward plans; and the place of maps and design guidelines. The District's requirement to have its own plan to mesh with the Federal elements developed by the National Capitol Planning Commission is contained in the Home Rule Act. The District first developed its own portion of the Comprehensive Plan in 1980 and 1984. Since then it has been revised several times on a four-year

basis. The Plan is the policy basis for zoning and the development of each year's capital budget for the District — in law perhaps that has been honored more in the breach.

Since the inception of local planning, CHRS has been involved every step of the way from the development of the land use element to a ward plan for Ward 6 to drawing of maps. We have played a roll in seeing that plans and maps have been adopted into law and not adopted by "resolution." And we have been a part of the OP's most recent efforts. In this regard, Dick Wolf, long-time City Planning chair for CHRS, is the appointee of Ward 6 Councilmember Ambrose's to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee. During this process, the pages of the *News* and neighborhood papers will contain his views on what is happening with planning developments and he hopes to hear from the diverse citizenry of Ward 6 about their planning concerns, particularly as it relates to process and the role of citizens. Stay tuned! ✧

CHRS Award for Organizational Excellence *continued from page 1*



Again, hats off to all of you and your predecessors for supporting CHRS, the Historic District and Capitol Hill. I hope you will attend the October 6 member's meeting to meet President Moe and to give us the opportunity to salute you personally. ✧

Left: National Trust for Historic Preservation President Richard Moe chats with Nancy Metzger, Donna Hanousek and Shauna Holmes. Photo: Norman Metzger

Pat Schauer, Former Society President, Dies

by Lyle Schauer and Nancy Metzger

Patricia Schauer, president of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society from 1988 to 1990, died September 9. She served at other times as treasurer, secretary, and vice president, chaired various committees, and was a dependable volunteer.

Her two terms as president were difficult times for Capitol Hill. There was concern about a resurgence of crime and about a depressed real-estate market. There also seemed to be an unusual number of divisive community issues; some, like the proposed Prosper Court project in the 500 block of Seventh Street, SE are little remembered today except by those immediately involved, while others, like the Eastern Market controversies, are well-remembered indeed. Pat was particularly concerned about the ill will she saw arising from the more divisive issues and frequently decried the loss of respect for the opinions of others and the unwillingness to work together toward common goals.

Her community activism was spurred by a 1981 traffic accident during which a car smashed into her Independence Avenue home, causing severe damage. As a result, she became active in efforts to control traffic, which ultimately resulted in improved traffic flow around Lincoln Park and elimination of bans on parking that favored commuter traffic.

Following her early retirement from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Pat had the opportunity to be a full-time president, which allowed her to work on the unglamorous, but necessary, administrative side of the Society. For example, the NEWS was revamped and prepared on a computer instead of the "cut and paste" operation that it had formerly been. In hopes of avoiding the continual reinvention of the wheel, Pat helped create two briefing books for CHRS – one on

the administration of the organization and one on how to run the House Tour.

Pat served for years on the CHRS Historic District Committee (which monitors proposed projects in the historic district), for some years as chair. The CHRS Historic District Guidelines were created under her direction to help Capitol Hill residents appreciate and better maintain their historic houses. In 2004, Pat received a Volunteer Recognition Award from the Association of Preservation Technology for her work in helping to "preserve the character of one of the nation's largest historic districts, meeting by meeting, day by day, year by year."

There will be a Celebration of Pat's Life at 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 10 in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, 620 G Street, SE.

Many members fondly remember Pat's "Charley's Report" col-



Pat Schauer. Photo: Lyle Schauer

umn in the *News* between 1985 and 1988. One of those columns, "Eternal Vigilance" from the November 1986 *News*, is printed elsewhere in this issue; it is as fresh as when it was written, and amazingly timely. ✧

This article was published originally in the November 1986 *News*.

Charley's Report: Eternal Vigilance

by Pat Schauer

As you know, Charley sometimes has the feeling that things are getting away from him. Inanimate objects seem to conspire against him and he wonders if the dirty dishes multiply in the night. With so many machines (integral parts of his life) demanding sequential and logical operation, intolerant of Charley's tendency to push all the buttons at once, things can be particularly trying.

Charley read in the paper recently about the new wave of the future, the smart house. It seems the time is close when you will be able to preset the lighting and detect all sorts of hazards, such as unattended pots on the stove,

from a central control system. The latter feature might be useful to Charley. He is forever disgustingly scrubbing burnt pans, which got that way for lack of attention. Evidently the smart house can be programmed to water houseplants too. Charley wonders if it would detect a houseplant fire. There recently was a fire on his block involving a houseplant! A smoldering cigarette in a pot with too much peat was all it took. Would the smart house water the plant and put out the fire or would it call the fire department? Charley suspects that if he had a smart house it would go berserk like a Charlie Chaplin film.

One thing the smart house couldn't do, Charley knows, is

Looking Back on Capitol Hill

by Nancy Metzger

Normally this space is devoted to an excerpt from an oral history of someone who lived on Capitol Hill. This month it will be about an oral history that, unfortunately, never got recorded. When Pat Schauer died suddenly last month, she and I were planning to record her memories of her years as an activist on Capitol Hill. She had organized her papers, made notes, and packed them off to the CHRS archives in George Washington University's Gelman Library (where they will undoubtedly be valuable for future historians).

But the papers will miss some

of the things that made Pat so wonderful — her delight in the people she met, the issues she tackled and the positive changes that often resulted. The papers won't convey the wonderful exuberant laughter that pealed out whenever her own (or someone else's) foibles led to ridiculous situations. As much as she loved to travel, she also loved her home community — the trips to Eastern Market, the brunches with neighbors, her garden and the birds that visited it, and, of course, the efforts of all those involved in helping make the community work. Before illness curtailed her activities in the last ten years, she reveled in the opportunity to work with oth-

ers to make Capitol Hill a better place for its residents. She wrote letters, button-holed bureaucrats and politicians, testified at hearings and ran meetings. Then, when she couldn't do as much anymore, she taught others what to do.

Her task of sorting the papers led her to write a series of autobiographical sketches, some of which involve Capitol Hill. It will be interesting to read Pat's memories of Capitol Hill because, for many of us, Pat was one of our remarkable Capitol Hill neighbors. So we will have some of Pat's memories — just not her voice, and most of all, not her laugh. ✧

Charley's Report *continued*

to help him with his list-making obsession. Yes, Charley makes lists. He makes lists of things he wants to do, of things he should do, of things he must do. During his most harried times he resorts to a list of the day. Granted, it is all the more frustrating when he has one of those days when he can't get anything on the list done — when he manages to move the world along only an inch at a time, not the expected mile or so. One friend admitted to Charley recently that on such days **she resorts in desperation** to making a list of the routine things she did that morning so she can cross them off. Imagine the list: Brush teeth, get dressed, let Tommy cat in, unload the dishwasher, feed the cats, walk the dog, let Tommy cat out, do the wash, let Tommy cat in. Then there are the days when it is necessary to make a list of lists...

In a world where released accused spies head for Disneyland, where the city administration does not go on retreats for evaluations but does go on **advances**, where trees catch fire as one did in Lincoln Park once, one must pay attention all the time or life will get the bet-

ter of you. **Eternal vigilance is the watchword.** For example, a lot of attention is needed to keep special relationships on an even keel. The arrival of cold weather reminded Charley of the time he switched from an electric blanket to an electric mattress pad. This was needed because the cats curled around the thermostats on the electric blanket and turned it off. The electric mattress pad was fine the first year. It was the second year Charley got in trouble. It had dual controls, you see, and the controls got switched. Charley's partner threw off the covers in a fit of raging heat — while Charley froze. One night he turned the dial up as far as it would go. His partner left the room in high dudgeon, the problem was defined, and control reasserted.

It is horrifying how the slightest thing can cause such havoc. Charley had a friend who left the gas cap at the service station one day. One thing led to another and a full gas tank resulted in a fire on the side of the car in the middle of the Fourteenth Street Bridge when the gasoline sloshed out and the car backfired and caught on fire.

The four-year old accompanying her mother on this jaunt was the **only** one who thought the fire truck and the police car were profoundly exciting experiences. Age has a lot to do with one's perspective.

Charley is aware that he is not the only one with a slightly paranoid view of life these days. The highest reaches of government use phrases like, "The threat has gone up," indicating a world filled with insecurities and terror. Preparations for the ensuing situation can be horrendous. Why, the other day Charley was astounded to discover four fire trucks and the fire chief's car at the Smithsonian, where there was the possibility that the Soviet ambassador might introduce a nature film. He is still puzzling over just what the two firemen, who raced inside and stood at attention **draped in fire hoses**, were going to **do** to potential terrorists. But then, in a world where one must not eat poppy seed bagels because it might cause you to lose your job, perhaps one should not underestimate the little things. ✧

Healing Totems Arrive at Congressional Cemetery

by Rob Nevitt

September 23 – today at 12:30pm, the magnificent Healing Totems were dedicated at Congressional Cemetery. The two vertical totems with a crowning cross piece were carved by the House of Tears Carvers of the Lummi Indians of Washington State. These poles were carved for the victims of the September 11, 2001 crash into the Pentagon. Congressional Cemetery has begun the creation of a Memorial Grove for all the victims of September 11, creating an alley of trees from the Sousa gravesite down to the fence at Barney Circle. The Totem Poles are erected at the intersection of that alley and the road that is the extension of G Street, where a grove of flowering trees will be planted. Approaching it will be a lane of lacebark elms and extending beyond it two lines of arching hornbeams. CHRS has donated \$1,000 from the funds for



the Environment Committee to the project, although they are still seeking more donations to complete the work. Contributions for the grove can be made through Green Spaces for DC, 3149 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010, telephone 202-673-7647. A plan for the grove and, of course, the Totem Poles, can

Jewel Praying Wolf James, Master Carver of the House of Tears carvers, tells the story of the carving project surrounded by carvers and supporters.

Photo: Rob Nevitt

be seen at Congressional Cemetery at 1801 E Street or go to www.greenspacesfordc.org. ✧

Preservation Café

by Nancy Metzger

With 99 call boxes on Capitol Hill waiting to be painted and fitted out with new history/art plaques, attendees at September's Preservation Café learned that there is literally something for everyone to do. About 45 boxes have been adopted and are somewhere in the process between identifying a subject and installing the finished plaques. Some of the highlights from the café:

Betsy Damos was on hand to give pointers from her experience in completing the call box at Lincoln Park and Eleventh Street, SE. She is now working with the fabricator on the Home Theatre call box at Eleventh and D Streets, NE that will feature photos of the theatre in its two designs. This plaque will be in the metalphoto process (instead of cast bronze). And for film buffs or

perhaps a neighboring block, if you'd like to be the financial sponsor of this box, please contact Nancy Metzger, 202-546-1034.

Artists are considering different processes for the boxes – not all boxes will be cast bronze. Nancy Donnelly outlined her experiments in trying to find a process that would be both stable and somewhat translucent for the two boxes she's planning on the theme of the Birds of the Anacostia.

Not everyone has to be an artist to participate in the project. For instance, right now we need someone to paint the John Philip Sousa call box at Fourth and E Streets, SE in its final red and black paint scheme. If you can spare a few hours in October to get this done, please contact Nancy Metzger.

We definitely need artists or designers to help those people who have identified a theme but need

help on translating that theme into a visual. One group has identified the theme of "how B Street became Constitution Avenue" but needs an artistic person to help them move forward. Once again, please contact CHRS or Nancy Metzger if you would like to work with them.

For more information on how you can get involved, check out the Call Box Revitalization pages on the CHRS Website, www.chrs.org.

At October's Preservation Café, the Winston Chimney Company will be presenting pointers on the care and feeding of your home's chimney. This is one area of home maintenance that is, for the most part, out of sight but it should definitely not be out of mind. Plan to attend on Wednesday, October 20, 6:30pm – 7:15pm at Trattoria Alberto, 506 Eighth Street, SE (upper floor). ✧

Boys Town Townhouse Demolition Scheduled for October

JPI Plans to Develop the 1200 Block of Pennsylvania Avenue

by Brian Furness

In papers recently filed in U.S. District Court, Boys Town revealed that the sale of its property at Pennsylvania Avenue and Potomac Avenue, SE to developer JPI is scheduled for October 12. Boys Town filed a motion connected with its suit for damages against the District for being unwilling to override DC law to permit the use of their townhouse complex as a residential treatment facility for disturbed children. Boys Town had been challenged by the neighborhood, which argued — successfully — that such use required a special exception under DC zoning codes. Boys Town eventually elected to sell the property — pocketing a hefty profit — rather than submit to the hearing and process required to obtain a special exception.

Demolition could begin the next day — but probably will commence later in October, according to JPI. Demolition of the existing townhouses is the first step toward the construction of a residential complex with neighborhood-oriented retail. JPI described preliminary plans for the site at a public meeting on May 5 (reported in the June News). Since that time, JPI has shifted from rental apartments to condominiums and is negotiating to bring a supermarket to the site — as advocated by many in the community. JPI will be presenting its plans at meetings this fall with ANC 6B and in other community fora.

Expanding on its commitment to Capitol Hill, JPI has reportedly offered to buy the long vacant, now mostly torn down properties in the 1200 block of Pennsylvania

Avenue, SE and the shotgun house in the 1200 block of E Street, SE. These properties — particularly the last — have long been a bone of contention. After decades of neglect, owner Larry Quillian was recently ordered by the city to protect the shotgun house from further deterioration. JPI says it would restore the shotgun house, perhaps expanding livable space through an addition at the rear. Plans for Pennsylvania Avenue are in flux, but currently focus on residential use. Incorporation of street-level retail would, most likely, result in a building significantly higher — and out of scale — with neighboring properties, even though permitted by existing zoning. Parking would be provided according to zoning regulations with access from an existing curb cut on Pennsylvania Avenue. Because the property is in the Capitol Hill Historic District, the design is subject to review by the Historic Preservation Review Board.

JPI's plans seem likely to be supported by the community — JPI has listened to and been responsive to community concerns. And if the sales go through and the projects built according to plan, it will mark



The shotgun house in the 1200 block of E Street, SE. will be restored by JPI.

a successful conclusion to over 30 years of community activism regarding the proper development of both sites. Previous development proposals have overreached: too big, too intrusive, or too disrespectful of neighborhood needs and desires, historic preservation, and DC law and regulation. The lesson to be learned is that cooperative efforts and meeting neighborhood needs ultimately raise values and enable profitable investment. And for the community, it underlines the need for a clear and consistent vision — and for the determination and staying power to see it through to a successful conclusion. ✧

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CHRS Zoning Committee to Consider JPI Development of Former Boys Town Site.

by Gary Peterson

At the upcoming October 14 meeting, the CHRS Zoning Committee will review the zoning application of JPI to develop the former Boys Town site at Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenues, SE. JPI is proposing to construct a mixed-use residential development that includes residential units, a grocery store and some additional retail. JPI is seeking variances from the lot occupancy requirements and the residential recreation space requirements. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and is held at 420 Tenth Street, SE in the first floor conference room. The meeting is open to the public and persons interested in the application are encouraged to attend and make comments.

In other zoning news, the CHRS Zoning Committee met on September 9, 2004 at 7:30 pm to consider four zoning cases.

BZA # 17203 – 925 North Carolina Avenue, SE. The applicant seeks a special exception to construct a two-story rear addition to a single-family dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy and rear yard requirements in an R-4 district. In so doing they seek to reduce the rear yard from a required 20 feet to 7.5 feet, and to expand the lot occupancy from a maximum of 40% to 63%. The property is a detached house and is allowed only 40% lot occupancy. The addition will restrict the light and air available to 4 and possibly 6 windows in 923 North Carolina and the owners of 923 object to the addition. The Committee found that the increase in the allowable lot occupancy by 58% and the decrease of the rear yard required by 63% has too great an impact on adjacent property. The Committee believed that the

addition will have a substantial adverse affect on the use and enjoyment of 923 North Carolina in that the addition will unduly restrict the available light and air and will unduly compromise the privacy of use and enjoyment of the property. For these reasons the Committee voted unanimously to oppose the special exception. This case was heard by the BZA on September 14. Gary Peterson appeared on behalf of CHRS and testified against granting the special exception as did the neighbors at 923 North Carolina. ANC6B supported the application and the BZA granted the special exception finding that there was no substantial adverse effect on the use and enjoyment of the adjacent properties.

BZA # 17214 – 721 H Street, NE.

This is an appeal by ANC6A of the administrative decision of the Zoning Administrator in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to issue a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for a “restaurant” at 721 H Street, NE. ANC6A believes that the property is instead a fast food restaurant and that a special exception is necessary. A special exception is required for the operation of a fast food restaurant in a C-2-A District. A food-service establishment is a fast food restaurant if it meets two criteria:

1. The floor space for customer queuing is greater than 10% of the publicly accessible floor space on any one floor; and
2. Either 60% of the food items are prepackaged or the establishment primarily serves its food and drink in disposable containers and provides disposable tableware.

The Committee found that the property meets the test of a fast

food restaurant – the queuing space is far more than 10% and disposable containers and tableware are exclusively used. For these reasons the committee voted unanimously to support the appeal.

BZA # 17216 – 408 East Capitol Street, NE.

The applicant proposes an addition to the rear of the building that will increase the lot occupancy from 44% to 53%. The applicant needs a special exception because the home is semi-detached and is allowed only 40% lot occupancy. Also, the side yard is only five feet and not the required eight feet. The committee found that the impact on light and air is minimal in this case and that the privacy of use and enjoyment of neighboring properties is not unduly compromised. Furthermore, since the modest addition is in the rear of the property, the streetscape is not harmed. For these reasons, the committee voted unanimously to support the application.

BZA # 17223 – 704 East Capitol Street, NE.

The applicant proposes adding a second floor to an existing first floor. The addition is at the rear and the footprint of the house will not change. The applicant needs a special exception because the home is semi-detached and occupies more of the lot (50%) than is allowed by zoning (40%). Also, the side yard is only three feet and not the required eight feet. The committee found that the impact on light and air is minimal in this case and that the privacy of use and enjoyment of neighboring properties is not unduly compromised. Furthermore, since the modest addition is in the rear of the property and is only adding a second floor, the streetscape is not harmed. For these reasons, the committee

Colorful New Start to the Next 50 Years



The Capitol Hill Restoration Society

by Charles McMillion

CHRS volunteers are unveiling a colorful new logo to help mark the organization's 50th anniversary and to launch the next 50 years. Featuring Capitol Hill's eclectic Victorian architecture and world famous Capitol dome, the logo emphasizes our wonderful urban residential community full of pedestrians, bicycles, kids, joggers, dogs and cats. It even includes a sign that CHRS is recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation with its coveted National Preservation Award.

The beautiful design work for this logo was contributed — at no cost to CHRS — by talented and generous members Judith Capen and Monica Gelpi of Architrave, p.c. We are most grateful!

You will begin seeing our new logo in all sorts of places including new promotional materials. We now have for sale colorful and functional tote bags, coffee mugs and tee shirts (regular and sleeveless) with the new CHRS logo. New two-color decals are available free whenever you see the CHRS booth, at our meetings or at the office.

This new look reflects the great pride we feel in Capitol Hill and in the many hard-won accomplishments of CHRS members over the past 50 years. But success in preserving and improving our unique urban community over the next 50 years depends on new neighbors adding their time and their talents to this volunteer effort.

Please consider joining one of CHRS's committees or volunteering a set amount of hours per month or year. Your time will be very well spent. Call the CHRS office at 202-543-0425 or email caphrs@aol.com. ✧

voted unanimously to support the application.

The committee then discussed that status of the MedLink rezoning. MedLink has submitted a draft memorandum of understanding (MOU) that spells out a restrictive covenant. A number of neighbors of MedLink were present and expressed their views on the MOU. The MOU was subsequently discussed at the September 21 board meeting. Based on the support received from the board, the Zoning Committee will continue negotiations with MedLink. ✧

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OCTOBER

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Membership meeting on Preservation of the Capital and the Capitol Hill community. St. Peter's Church, Basement Hall, Second and C Streets, SE

14 Thursday, 7:30pm

CHRS Zoning Committee Meeting. The zoning application of JPI to develop the Boys Town site. Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE. Contact pgarylaw@aol.com for agenda

16 Saturday, 1:00pm and 2:30pm

Hill East Historic Walking Tour. Meet at Congressional Cemetery Gate, 1801 E Street SE. Participants will receive a free copy of the Capitol East Historical Guide & Tour Book. Call 202-544-0178. Email: hilleast@aol.com

19 Tuesday, 6:30pm

CHRS Board Meeting. Kirby House, 420 Tenth Street, SE

20 Wednesday, 6:30pm

Preservation Café. The care and feeding of your chimney. Trattoria Alberto, 506 Eighth Street, SE

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17 Wednesday, 6:30pm

Preservation Café. Topic to be announced. Trattoria Alberto, 506 Eighth Street, SE

Help Wanted

Administrative Assistant (part time) to President of the Society. Work 12-15 hours per week at Society's office at 420 10th Street, SE. Work schedule can be flexible. Pay is \$11 per hour and the only other benefits are involvement in a wide range of community service matters.

We need a mature, personable, well-organized person with general office skills including computer familiarity. Members of the Society and residents of Capitol Hill preferred.

Work includes maintaining membership records of the Society, responding to telephone and email inquiries by supplying routine information and publications or by referring inquiries to the proper Board member, helping prepare for Board and Membership meetings, maintaining stock of literature and promotional materials, and assisting in preparations for the Annual House and Garden Tour. ✧



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