

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting October 19, 2021**

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

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Chris Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Purcell (President), Angie Schmidt, Karine Semple, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent: Gary Peterson

President's Report: Beth Purcell

President Beth Purcell reported on the successful Members' Meeting and party held on September 22, 2021 at Hill Center. Due to inclement weather, the planned garden party was moved indoors to the Lincoln Room with cooperation of Hill Center staff.

The president reported that about 30 members attended the meeting.

A vote on the CHRS fiscal year 2022 budget was unanimously approved at the meeting.

To complete her report, the president noted that the DC Preservation League (DCPL) is nominating the PNC Bank at 800 H Street, NE to the DC Inventory of Historic Places. DCPL has asked CHRS to co-sponsor this nomination. Action was tabled until the November meeting pending further information from DCPL.

Secretary's Report: Maygene Daniels

Minutes for the September meeting were sent to Board members prior to the meeting.

Jim Thackaberry introduced a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Burger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nick Alberti.

The Treasurer's report was distributed to the Board via email prior to the meeting. There were no unusual expenditures during this time period.

The Treasurer thanked CHRS member John Shages for his work as chair of the Endowment Committee.

Preservation Cafes: Christine Mullins

Organizer Christine Mullins reported that an on-line Preservation Café is to be presented on Wednesday October 20, the day after the meeting. DC arborists will be featured.

Mullins also noted that a Preservation Café on “The New Deal in Washington DC” will be presented on Wednesday November 17 via zoom.

In addition to the planned Preservation Cafés reported at the September Board meeting, cafes for April and May 2022 are still being developed. The Board discussed the original purpose of the cafés as sources of hands-on information for home owners. Several ideas were suggested for future cafes.

House Tour and Walking Tours: Elizabeth Nelson

House Tour Committee chair Elizabeth Nelson announced that four additional walking tours will be presented on Saturday and Sunday November 13 and 14: Architecture of Capitol Hill, Capitol Hill Alleys, the Resistance (Civil Rights sites), and Parks (Marion and Garfield Parks and their neighborhood). The tours have been widely advertised. A report on attendance and thoughts for the future will be presented at the next Board meeting.

The House Tour Committee is waiting to make a decision on whether to hold a traditional Mother’s Day House and Garden Tour in 2022.

House Expo: Chuck Burger

House Expo organizer Chuck Burger reported that the 2021 House Expo will be held on Saturday October 30, 2021 from 10 to 4 at Eastern Market North Hall. Most trades will be represented in the expo, as well as government agencies, including experts on water and sewers, fire safety, urban gardening, and police issues. Councilmembers Charles Allen and Elissa Silverman will be represented.

CHRS will have a prominent table, as well as a poster prepared by the Historic Preservation Committee to explain the Swampoodle grants and contributions to the community.

Jenks Hardware is donating the table and chair rental.

A report on the event will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Community Relations - Hilloween: Elizabeth Nelson

Community Relations chair Elizabeth Nelson reported that CHRS will have a table at Hilloween, which will be at Eastern Market on Friday October 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

CHRS will distribute temporary tattoos, lip balms, and pencils but will omit traditional bead activities in view of the lingering COVID epidemic.

Historic Preservation: Jim Thackaberry, Joanna Kendig

Historic Preservation Committee members Jim Thackaberry and Joanna Kendig reported that CHRS filed comments on the draft 2025 Historic Preservation Plan as discussed at the October Board Meeting.

Membership: Maygene Daniels

Membership chair Maygene Daniels sent a written report prior to the meeting. She noted that overall CHRS membership remained largely unchanged during the month. Six new members joined CHRS. 10 memberships were not renewed.

Ad Hoc Membership Task Force: Chuck Burger

Committee Chair Chuck Burger reported that the three task force working groups remain active: Membership Management Software chaired by Maygene Daniels; Communications chaired by Chuck Burger; and “Do It Now” chaired by Angie Schmidt.

Maygene Daniels presented the report and recommendations of the Membership Management Software Working Group, consisting of members Nick Alberti, Beth Hague, Chris Mullins, Karine Semple and Jim Thackaberry. The group has analyzed membership management programs for small non-profit organizations and compared and tested the two most promising options. Based on this study and discussion, the group recommended the software program JoinIt as the best fit for CHRS.

With Board approval, the Working Group proposed to continue to develop the program and import membership data.

The Working Group also noted that implementing the software will be only the first step in improving CHRS membership systems. Documented and accepted administrative systems and working methods will be essential for long-term success.

Chuck Burger moved that the Working group should continue to implement the database, while providing additional information to the Board as it becomes available. Tina May seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning: Beth Hague.

Zoning Committee Chairman Beth Hague reported that Jackie Krieger will be joining the Zoning Committee. The Committee will meet later in October.

Motion to Adjourn With the agenda completed, Elizabeth Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Burger seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.