

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2021**

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the Northeast Branch Library.

**Members Present:** Beth Purcell (Presiding), Nick Alberti, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

**Absent:** Chuck Burger, Beth Hague, Undine Nash, Karine Semple

**President's report:** Beth Purcell

President Beth Purcell introduced the need to establish a Nomination Committee for the May 2022 election of CHRS board and officers. The Bylaws require the board to approve 3 to 5 CHRS members to serve on this committee. The president also noted that for propriety it was accepted that members of the Nomination Committee would not stand for office.

After discussion, the Board agreed that four members would be appointed to the committee immediately, with a fifth member who has not previously served on the committee to be added in January.

**Motion:** Nick Alberti moved that Chris Mullins, Nancy Metzger, Beth Purcell (Chair) and Elizabeth Nelson should be named to the Nominating Committee for the 2022 election, with a fifth member to be added in January. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Beth Purcell introduced a request of the DC Preservation League for CHRS to co-sponsor the nomination of the PNC Bank at 800 H Street NE, to the DC Inventory of Historic Places. The DC Preservation League has prepared extensive research on the building (in part based on Beth Purcell's work) and is basing its nomination on the significance of the building and its role in the community. The building was designed by prominent architect B. Stanley Simmons.

**Motion:** Elizabeth Nelson moved that CHRS co-sponsor with the DC Preservation League the nomination of the PNC Bank Building, 800 H Street NE, to the DC Inventory of Historic Places. Gary Peterson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Secretary's report:** Maygene Daniels

Minutes of the November 21, 2021, Board meeting were submitted.

**Motion:** Elizabeth Nelson moved approval of the November minutes. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Nick Alberti

The Treasurer reported that CHRS operating account expenditures were routine during the month. A \$5,000 Swampoodle grant will be paid out soon.

Gary Peterson noted a question about accounting for Swampoodle funds, which the treasurer agreed to investigate and correct.

**Preservation Cafés:** Christine Mullins

A program on energy net-zero design has been scheduled for April 20, 2022.

**House Tour:** Elizabeth Nelson

A hybrid Mother's Day tour package is being planned to include in-person visits to a limited number of houses together with walking tours. Covid precautions will be taken. Home owners from the canceled tour are being contacted and tours of Hill Center and St. Peter Church are being planned.

Additional walking tours will be scheduled in March 2022.

**Historic Preservation:** Jim Thackaberry, Joanna Kendig

A questionable proposal for a house on E Street SE has been inappropriately placed on the HPRB consent calendar, despite significant opposition from CHRS. Beth Purcell will communicate with HPRB to object to this action.

**Membership:** Maygene Daniels

CHRS membership numbers continue to be stable, with new members balanced by others who renew only slowly or not at all. It is hoped that a streamlined renewal system will help resolve this situation.

Gary Peterson proposed that a list of members who haven't renewed should be circulated at the next Board meeting so that non-renewed members can be contacted individually. The Membership Chair agreed to bring a list to the January Board meeting.

**Zoning:** Beth Hague. The chairman reported that there was no zoning report.

**Ad Hoc Membership Committee report:** Chuck Burger, Jackie Krieger, Maygene Daniels, Angie Schmidt, Beth Hague, Nick Alberti.

Steady progress is being made on the new membership database. The committee will meet next on Wednesday January 26, when final steps for implementation will be in place.

After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that attention should turn to the second recommendation of the Spark Consulting Report, development of a modern website. The Board

also agreed that the President could convene a committee of volunteers to propose a plan at the next Board meeting. A formal motion was not required for this action. Jackie Krieger, Maygene Daniels, and Angie Schmidt agreed to serve on the committee in coordination with Communications chair Karine Semple.

**City Planning:** Monte Edwards

Planning continues for development of Reservation 13. Interest has been shown in options for affordable or mixed housing on the model of the Capitol Hill Townhomes. CHRS will continue to monitor developments and explore productive options.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and unanimously approved.