

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 16, 2022  
Corrected and Approved Minutes**

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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

There were no absences.

**President's report:** Beth Purcell

At its January 2022 meeting, the Board discussed a request of the Historic Districts Coalition that CHRS join a letter in support of the nomination of a proposed Park View Historic District.

**Motion:** Gary Peterson moved that CHRS sign the Historic Districts Coalition letter in support of the nomination. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion passed 12 to 1, with Monte Edwards opposed. Tina May abstained because she had missed the discussion.

President Purcell announced that Karine Semple has resigned as CHRS Communications Chair. She will no longer be on the Board but has volunteered to continue helping as a volunteer.

The president announced that a brief membership meeting required by the by-laws will be held on-line on Tuesday March 15 before the scheduled \Preservation Café.

**Secretary's report:** Maygene Daniels

The secretary submitted the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting, as corrected with names of Swampoodle grant recipients.

**Motion:** Jim Thackaberry moved that the minutes as amended be approved. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was passed with 12 votes in favor. Chris Mullins and Undine Nash abstained.

**Treasurer's report:** Nick Alberti

The Treasurer reported that the response to personalized membership renewal requests had been highly positive.

**Preservation Cafes:** Christine Mullins

Organizer Christine Mullins reported that nearly 100 people – many from city areas beyond Capitol Hill– participated in the February 15 on-line Preservation Café on the *District's Buried*

*Streams*. The program was presented by Joe Arrowsmith, Ecological Engineer with Straughan Environmental, Josh Burch, D.C. Department of Energy and Environment, and David Ramos, American University. The video of the highly successful presentation is available on the CHRS website.

The next preservation café, *Arming a Navy: The Naval Gun Factory and Its Local Workforce*, will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2022 at 6:30. Edward Valentin, Historian and Curator of the National Museum of the United States Navy, will be the presenter

There was a brief discussion concerning the Southeast Library as the possible site for future Preservation Cafés following library renovations.

**House Tour Update:** Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the House Tour Committee is working to confirm houses for the tour. Plans are developing to create Matterport presentations for the private homes.

Beth Purcell is developing a new walking tour of Capitol Hill's NE alleys.

Tickets for the walking tours on March 26 and 27 are now on sale.

**City Planning:** Monte Edwards

Monte Edwards proposed that CHRS take a position in opposition to a new NFL stadium on the current site of RFK stadium, framing the subject as a planning issue relevant to CHRS interests. He proposed updating past CHRS position papers, and sending letters to Mayor Bowser and the Hill Rag.

Angie Schmidt agreed to review the documents and to propose revisions as appropriate.

Monte Edwards also described efforts to advocate for affordable housing in Reservation 13 and agreed to send a proposal to the Board for action.

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

The Historic Preservation Committee reported results of a January 27, 2022 hearing of the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) on a proposed addition and 2 story garage at 308 11th St NE. CHRS supported the application despite neighborhood opposition, because the addition and garage were in keeping with Board guidelines, and consistent with recent Board decisions. The Committee particularly noted the HPRB decision for the garage, which held that preserving the existing cornice line, horizontality, and uniform row of one-story garages was important. For these reasons the Board decided that the total height should be reduced, possibly to 18 feet, and the second story set back.

**Membership:** Maygene Daniels

Maygene Daniels reported that CHRS membership numbers continue to be stable.

Steps continue to implement the JoinIt database in collaboration with office manager Jill Uvena Cullinane.

Chris Mullins reported a Membership Committee proposal to streamline membership categories to two: Individual and Dual/Household at the current cost, \$35 and \$55 respectively. For members to become part of a proposed *Preservation Donor Circle*, donation levels and benefits (Bronze, Silver, Gold) might parallel current membership levels.

**Motion:** In keeping with these ideas, Chris Mullins moved that CHRS memberships be reduced to two categories: individual and household/dual with options to join a Preservation Donor Circle with higher donations. She also moved that details should be further discussed. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Website Development – Angie Schmidt**

Angie Schmidt announced that she has begun working with Nathaniel Liu to develop a conceptual prototype for a reconstructed CHRS website.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Elizabeth Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gary Peterson, and unanimously approved.