

**Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2022**

The meeting convened at 6 pm at the Northeast Branch Library

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

Absent: Chuck Burger, Monte Edwards, Undine Nash, Gary Peterson

President's Report: Beth Purcell

The President reported that an announcement was made at the Preservation Café Membership Meeting on March 15 encouraging CHRS members to volunteer to run for office.

The President also reported that the Nominating Committee (Beth Purcell, Nancy Metzger, Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson and Brian Alcorn) had developed a proposed slate for the 2022 election as follows:

President: Angie Schmidt

First VP: Christine Mullins

Second VP: Tina May

Treasurer: Nick Alberti

Secretary: Maygene Daniels

At large (expiring 2024): Beth Hague, Fynnette Eaton, Jackie Krieger

At large (expiring 2023): Delancey Gustin

Remaining on the Board:

Immediate Past President: Beth Purcell

At large (expiring 2023): Gary Peterson, Jim Thackaberry

City Planning: Monte Edwards

Community Development: Chuck Burger

Environment: Joanna Kendig

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell

House Tour: Elizabeth Nelson

Membership: Maygene Daniels

Public Safety: Undine Nash

Zoning: Beth Hague

Ballots will be mailed to members in May.

Action Item: CHRS has been invited to be one of the community sponsors of the Hill Rag candidate forums in May.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that CHRS accept the invitation to be a sponsor of the Hill Rag community forums. Tina May seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: The President proposed that Edward Hindin be appointed CHRS co-representative to the Union Station Redevelopment Project, to serve with current CHRS representative Drury Tallant. She also noted that both Hindin and Tallant would be sent letters to remind them that their role is advisory and that they should bring policy questions and initiatives to the CHRS Board for discussion.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that Edward Hindin be appointed CHRS co-representative to the Union Station Redevelopment Project, serving with Drury Tallant. Angie Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The President also reported that a group of neighbors has been attempting to purchase the Mott's Market building, 233 12th Street SE, so the local store could continue in business. It appears that the building owner already has accepted a purchase offer from a developer so further action is moot.

Secretary's Report: Maygene Daniels

Secretary Emeritus Jim Thackaberry took minutes for the March 22 Board meeting and submitted them for approval.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the minutes be approved. Tina May seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Daniels added her appreciation for Thackaberry's contribution.

Treasurer's report: Nick Alberti

The Treasurer submitted March financial reports to the Board.

Preservation Cafes: Christine Mullins

Christine Mullins reported that on April 19, *Designing a Net Zero Energy Row House: a Case Study*, was presented by Will Teass of Teass\Warren Architects, 19 participants joined the zoom conversation. The presentation was recorded and is available on-line.

On May 17, Capitol Hill homeowner Peter May will present the next Preservation Café: "Not so Permastone: A History of a House in Its Facade".

House Tour Update: Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson gave extensive information on preparations for the 2022 Mothers Day House and Garden Tour.

The hybrid concept with a combination of in-person houses, on-line virtual tours, and walking tours seems to be well-received. Tour-goers will pick up tickets and present proof of vaccination at Hill Center. Masks will be required in-doors.

Tickets are being sold through EventBrite, with extensive advertising via a weekend table at Eastern Market, posters throughout the neighborhood, postcards for distribution, Instagram, Facebook, Hill Rag advertisements, and an article and photographs in the May issue of the Hill Rag.

Angie Schmidt wrote personal notes to individuals who would be receiving complimentary tickets due to their level of membership.

The scans for houses on the “virtual tour” were largely completed, as was the catalog and draft ticket.

Docent assignments also were well-underway.

Historic Preservation: Beth Purcell Jim Thackaberry, Joanna Kendig

Beth Purcell reported on a proposed infill dogleg at 1108 Consittution Avenue NE in a largely intact row. In keeping with CHRS policy established in 2017, the committee opposed the project. HPRB staff took the opposite position and the project was approved.

Membership: Maygene Daniels

The Membership Database Committee met on March 28 to evaluate implementation of the JoinIt database and to consider next steps. Among other points, the committee noted that CHRS would need to view digital programs as a whole to take advantage of essential digital capabilities. The organization also needs a unified color, typeface and graphics scheme and redesigned logo for mobile devices.

The committee proposed the following as its spring agenda:

1. Discuss and recommend ways to jointly and securely manage EventBrite, JoinIt and MailChimp to take greatest advantage of new capabilities
2. Identify membership and donation benefits for the simplified membership and donation structure, bearing in mind implementation in Eventbrite, JoinIt, and other systems.

3. Develop strategies for unified communications, including motto, color scheme, logo, typeface. This might include a recommendation for professional consultation and design.
4. Begin discussions for targeting audiences and partnerships using new communications tools.

Daniels reported that CHRS membership numbers remain stable.

Ad Hoc Membership Committee. Angie Schmidt et. al.

Nathaniel Liu continues to develop a prototype website. Elements of the site plan are available for discussion, and an image gallery of Capitol Hill images is being compiled.

Motion to Adjourn:

Christine Mullins made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jackie Krieger and unanimously approved.