

Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 20, 2022  
6:00PM

The meeting was convened at 6 pm at the Northeast Neighborhood Library with a zoom link for those who could not be present.

Members Present:

Beth Purcell Nick Alberti, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Christine Mullins, Elizabeth Nelson, Angie Schmidt, Delancey Gustin.

*Via zoom:* Fynnette Eaton

Jill Uvena Cullinane Office Manager

Absent: Chuck Burger, Beth Hague, Undine Nash, Gary Peterson, Jim Thackaberry

President Angie Schmidt called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Draft minutes of the June 2022 Board of Directors meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and were presented for approval.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the draft June minutes be approved. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. Joanna Kendig, who was not present at the June meeting, abstained. All others approved and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

Alberti submitted June financial reports to the Board prior to the meeting reporting that all expenses were normal.

He also reported that he, together with Angie Schmidt and Jill Cullinane had reviewed budget object classes and eliminated those that were empty or redundant to simplify the budget process

2022-2023 Budget –Nick Alberti

Alberti submitted a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, October 2022 through September 2023. The budget as approved by the Board will be submitted to the membership at the September membership meeting.

After extensive discussion, the Board agreed to revise several budget lines and a unanimous consensus was reached.

Motion Elizabeth Nelson moved that the revised 2022-2023 budget should be approved. Beth Purcell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Membership Committee – Maygene Daniels

Daniels reported that the JoinIt database is functioning as planned. She invited Board members to provide feedback concerning the membership renewal process.

She also reminded the Board of the need for action to specify proposed donation levels and benefits as part of the new simplified membership system approved at the February Board meeting. After discussion, the Board concluded that the Membership Committee should be instructed to evaluate ideas submitted earlier to Jackie Krieger and to develop a final proposal for the Board to consider in September.

President’s Report – Angie Schmidt

The President welcomed new Board members Delancey Gustin and Fynnette Eaton..

She announced that the fall membership meeting will be held on Tuesday September 13 at 6:30 pm in the Hill Center Garden.

She also announced that fall walking tours of Capitol Hill alleys will be held on Saturday October 1 and Sunday October 2. Sign-up will be on Eventbrite.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

Purcell reminded the Board of pending plans to create an “oculus” in the floor of the Library of Congress Jefferson Building Main Reading Room, a proposal that recently has attracted considerable attention. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to oppose this plan. Beth Purcell offered to draft a letter for the CHRS President to sign and distribute.

Motion: The Capitol Hill Restoration Society believes that the plan to create an oculus in the floor of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building main reading room is drastically inappropriate for this historic space. The CHRS President is requested to broadly disseminate letters to appropriate parties and organizations to register this unanimous disapproval.

Nick Alberti moved that the motion be approved. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Other Announcements

Elizabeth Nelwson announced with regret that former board member Susan Burgerman had recently died after a battle with cancer.

Motion to Adjourn

Nick Alberti moved that the meeting should be adjourned. Tina May seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.