

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2022

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6 pm at the Northeast Neighborhood Library.

Members Present:

Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Fynnette Eaton, Delancy Gustin, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Christine Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent: Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Tina May, Gary Peterson

Office Manager Jill Uvena Cullinane also was present.

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Draft minutes of the July 2022 Board of Directors meeting were presented for approval.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the draft July minutes be approved. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

The Treasurer reported that the 2022-2023 annual budget was approved at the CHRS member garden party on September 13.

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

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

The President reported on a recent letter that she drafted with input from Board members to object to the tall security fence proposed by Brown Memorial AME Church, 130 14th Street NE. The letter noted that the proposed fence would enclose public space and did not conform to city regulations for fencing.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved to support the letter. Nick Albreti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The President announced several appointments for Board ratification.

Communications Chair: Elizabeth Nelson

House Tour Committee: Jackie Krieger, Fynnette Eaton, Angie Schmidt

Motion: The appointments were unanimously approved.

The President reported that CHRS received an invitation from Hill Rag to co-host a non-partisan candidate forum for open At-Large city council seats.

Motion. Nick Alberti introduced a motion that CHRS should accept the invitation to co-host the candidate forum, noting that the event would be non-partisan and that such events are consonant with the CHRS mission as a civic association. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Angie Schmidt also described the on-going process of organizing the CHRS office and discarding unneeded materials in order to empty the off-site storage unit as a cost-saving measure. Significant documents will be donated to the George Washington University Gelman Library, where CHRS historical records are preserved.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

Noting that Eastern High School is approaching its 100th anniversary, Beth Purcell reported that she and Joanna Kendig are working on a historic landmark nomination.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the application for nomination of Eastern High School to the National Register of Historic Places should be submitted with CHRS endorsement. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board also thanked Beth Purcell and Joanna Kendig for their selfless work on behalf of the nomination.

Beth Purcell also brought forward a proposal for nomination of the Peter Bug Shoe Academy building to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. The Shoe Academy has community importance and Board members noted that the site is one of the surviving sites created for the Model Cities Program of the Johnson Administration.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved to endorse the nomination. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no HPRB Hearing in August.

Membership – Maygene Daniels

The Membership Chair reported again that CHRS membership software JoinIt is successfully operational. She distributed examples of weekly reports that CHRS receives and invited Board members to track and report their experiences for continued improvement.

Tours Report - Elizabeth Nelson

Fall walking tours of Capitol Hill alleys are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday October 1 and 2, rain or shine. Sign-up is via Eventbrite. Walking tours have become a successful addition to the CHRS education and outreach program.

House Expo – Chuck Burger

The House Expo is scheduled for Saturday October 29, the day after Halloween, in order to take advantage of tables and chairs provided by Jenks Hardware that already will be on site. A good list of vendors have committed to the event, with a few additions being sought. There may be walking tours of Eastern Market in association with the Expo.

Preservation Cafes – Christine Mullins

Due to technical difficulties the Preservation Cafe by mosaic artist Jim Miller was rescheduled to October 4. The next Preservation Café on color harmonies for the home will be on October 18. In November Justine Bello will speak on building “ghosts,” the visible signs of past structures. Programs also are planned for January and March.

Motion to Adjourn

Jim Thackaberry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nick Alberti seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.