

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2022

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

Members Present:

Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Christine Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent: Fynnette Eaton, Delancy Gustin, Beth Hague, Jackie Krieger

Office Manager Jill Uvena Cullinane also was present.

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Corrected minutes of the September 2022 Board of Directors meeting were presented.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the draft September minutes be approved. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

Nick Alberti submitted financial reports to the Board prior to the meeting. He reported that all expenses were normal.

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

The President reported that the project to clean the CHRS office and empty the off-site storage unit continues. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

Beth Purcell reported that at its hearing on September 29 HPRB concurred with CHRS positions on the three proposals under consideration: 223 8th Street NE (HPA 22-329), 236 11th Street NE (HPA 22-439), and 1107 10th Street SE (HPA 22-434).

Purcell also reported that the proposal for 601 Massachusetts Ave NE (HPA 22-485), which had been on the October calendar, may be withdrawn.

Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture – Monte Edwards

Monte Edwards reported that he has been in discussion with the Committee of 100 for the Federal City for a possible co-sponsorship of future Dick Wolf memorial lectures. Edwards noted that the lecture and competition process requires reaching out to universities to encourage student submissions, judging submissions, and organizing the lecture presentation and reception. Funding is currently available for the lectures for at least three years and additional funding is not needed. In seeking co-sponsorship, Edwards had hoped that the Committee of 100 might help with support in co-chairing the effort. In subsequent discussion, the Committee declined to provide this assistance unless CHRS agreed to provide a co-chair in future years.

After some discussion of the merit of collaboration with a city-wide organization, Edwards suggested that CHRS attempt to continue the lecture program and solicit in-house resources to co-chair the program.

Zoning – No report.

Membership – Maygene Daniels

The Membership Chair reported that the Membership Committee is evaluating possible changes to clarify CHRS membership costs and donations. A report will be presented to the Board for the November meeting.

House Tour Report - Angie Schmidt

Fynnette Eaton, Jackie Krieger and Angie Schmidt are chairs for the 2023 tour. Angie Schmidt reported that the committee is in process of identifying houses for the tour. Some changes should be expected, but in general the tour will return to its pre-COVID form. She also reminded the Board that everyone will need to pitch in to make the tour a renewed success.

The committee is considering new ways to promote the tour, including possibilities of cross-promotion, perhaps with Capitol Hill restaurants and Mothers' Day brunches.

Walking Tours – Elizabeth Nelson

Well-attended fall walking tours took place on Saturday and Sunday October 1 and 2. Additional tours are scheduled for November 12 and 13. The alley tour is filled, but space is available on others.

Angie Schmidt is spearheading design of a family friendly walking tour, to be shorter than other tours, more interactive, and especially fun for children.

Community Relations – Elizabeth Nelson

CHRS will have a table at Hilloween at Eastern Market on Friday October 28. A bead-stringing activity will be available at the table. Lollipops and pencils with the CHRS name and some Halloween bags will be distributed.

Following Hilloween, tables and chairs will be moved into Eastern Market North Hall for the House Expo, which will take place the next day..

House Expo – Chuck Burger

Plans for the 2022 House Expo on Saturday October 29 are moving ahead well. A representative group of exhibitors has signed up. All have paid in advance.

Burger noted that extended advertising for the Expo is underway. A press release has been prepared and small and large posters have been printed for fences. Burger distributed advertising postcards to Board members.

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Burger announced that he's exploring plans for walking tours of Eastern Market in association with the Expo.

Preservation Cafes – Christine Mullins

Linda Bassert will present the next Preservation Café on October 18 on color harmonies for the home. In November Justine Bello will speak on building “ghosts,” the visible signs of past structures in the city.

Motion to Adjourn

Elizabeth Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Thackaberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.