

Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 18, 2023

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:30 pm at the Northeast Neighborhood Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Members Present:

Nick Alberti, Maygene Daniels, Fynnette Eaton, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Christine Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Angie Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Members Absent: Delancy Gustin, Tina May, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Beth Hague

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Daniels presented corrected minutes of the December Board meeting.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that the December minutes be approved. Fynnette Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Nick Alberti

The Treasurer presented financial reports to the Board, which were accepted without discussion.

The CHRS Endowment Committee, chaired by John Shages, met earlier in January. The Treasurer reported that the committee recommended that in order to assist with budget planning, investment account earnings should be regularly transferred to CHRS operating accounts. There was considerable discussion indicating that such transfers could be changed by the Board whenever circumstances warranted, and that the transfers should be accomplished routinely to avoid management complications.

Motion: Nick Alberti proposed the following motion:

Dividends and interest earned in CHRS investment accounts (referred to as the Endowment in CHRS bylaws) should be transferred to CHRS operating accounts semi-annually during calendar years 2023 and 2024. Future transfers should be reevaluated thereafter.

The motion was seconded by Jim Thackaberry. The motion carried with 10 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Motion: Noting the exceptional watchful diligence of John Shages and the Endowment Committee, Fynnette Eaton moved to thank them for their work. The motion is to be presented to Shages and the committee with appreciation by the CHRS President.

The motion was seconded by Christine Mullins. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

President Angie Schmidt expressed concern about the need to reinvigorate the Zoning Committee and reported that Beth Hague has agreed to organize a meeting for that purpose.

She also noted that clean-up of the CHRS 10<sup>th</sup> Street office and of the storage unit is almost complete. The lease for the storage unit will be terminated soon.

The President noted with sadness the passing of Ann Richards in early January. Ann was a beloved and highly respected CHRS member and active volunteer across many years.

#### House Tour Update – Jackie Krieger

The House Tour Committee (Jackie Krieger, Angie Schmidt, Fynnette Eaton) has solidified plans for the 2023 house tour footprint in the shape of an elongated rectangle, extending roughly from the 600 block of A Street NE to the 1000 block of I Street SE. Tour headquarters and a rest stop at Hill Center will be roughly in the middle of the tour footprint.

The Committee also is continuing outreach efforts to identify several additional houses for the tour.

The Committee is working with a designer who is developing a new look for the brochure cover and publicity material.

#### Walking Tours – Elizabeth Nelson

CHRS will be offering guided outdoor walking tours on Saturday April 1. The tours will be on the subjects *Our Industrial Past*, *SE Capitol Hill Alleys*, and *Notable People*. Tickets will be offered through Eventbrite and CHRS members will be offered the opportunity to buy tickets prior to the public announcement.

#### Communications Committee – Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson announced that the committee has held two meetings to discuss social media and to develop new channels for communication.

#### Union Station Update – Monte Edwards

Monte Edwards gave a comprehensive report on infrastructure developments in the northeast rail corridor which will have an impact on plans for Union Station

#### Dick Wolf Lecture – Monte Edwards

Edwards announced that instead of holding a student competition, a distinguished speaker in the field of planning or historic preservation will be invited to present the lecture. The lecturer will receive an honorarium. Given calendar limitations, the first lecture in this new format will probably be presented in fall 2023.

### Membership Committee – Maygene Daniels

An updated brochure about CHRS is being designed by Jean Kohanek, drawing on ideas and images from previous CHRS membership publications. The brochure will have a prominent link to the CHRS website and membership page, but will not have a membership form as full information is available on-line. Plans are to print the brochure in modest quantities to allow for evolution and revision.

### Preservation Cafes Update – Chris Mullins

Robert Pohl will be presenting a celebratory in-person Preservation Café and CHRS Membership Meeting to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eastern Market. The lecture will be presented in the North Hall on Tuesday March 28. (The date was later changed to Thursday, March 30 at the speaker's request).

### Motion to Adjourn

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