

Capitol Hill Restoration Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 15, 2023

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:00 pm at the Northeast Neighborhood Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Chuck Burger, Delancy Gustin

Also Present: Jill Cullinane, Office Manager; Larry Pearl, Grants Committee Chair

Grants Committee – Larry Pearl

Grants Committee chair Larry Pearl presented a proposed Swampoodle Historic Home Restoration Grant for façade improvement to restore an original historic front entrance beveled glass double door at 616 Third St. NE.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved to approve the proposed grant. Beth Purcell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Daniels presented minutes of the January Board meeting. The minutes were corrected to indicate that Beth Hague was absent.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved that the corrected January minutes be approved. Elizabeth Nelson 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. He also noted that in keeping with the January Board motion, investment earnings are being moved to operating accounts every six months.

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

President Angie Schmidt reported that, after consulting with the Board, she sent a letter to Union Station officials asserting that construction planned for the station building and surrounding streets will have an impact on the historic district. The goal of the letter is to ensure that CHRS and other organizations have the opportunity to present historic district concerns during planning. The letter was drafted and proposed by Drury Tallant, CHRS representative for Union Station.

Motion: Nick Alberti moved to ratify the letter. Christine Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

Schmidt reported that she appointed a 2023 nominations committee with proposed members Beth Purcell, Jim Thackaberry and Undine Nash.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved to approve the appointments. Fynnette Easton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Schmidt announced that Susan Oursler has stepped down as CHRS representative to EMCAC, the Eastern Market Citizen Advisory Committee, and that she has appointed Steve Hagedorn as CHRS EMCAC representative.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved to approve the appointment. Monte Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Elizabeth Nelson moved that CHRS should send a letter of commendation to Susan Oursler in thanks for her excellent service on EMCAC. Joanna Kendig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Angie Schmidt reported that the CHRS storage unit has been cleared and the rental ended. She also noted that clean-up of the CHRS 10<sup>th</sup> Street office continues and that substantial progress has been made

The president also announced that office manager Jill Cullinane will keep regular on-site office hours in the CHRS 10<sup>th</sup> Street office from 9 am to noon every Tuesday beginning in March.

#### House Tour Update – Jackie Krieger

The House Tour Committee comprised of Jackie Krieger, Angie Schmidt, and Fynnette Eaton is close to completing house selection. Ticket will-call and cash sales will be at Hill Center, which also will be a tour rest stop.

#### Lights Out DC

CHRS has been approached by the DC Chapter of the International Dark Sky Association to join a one hour event on March 25, 2013, at 8:30 pm, to turn off non-essential outside lighting. Street and other lighting required for safety would not be included.

Motion: Nick Alberti moved that CHRS should sign the Dark Sky Association's letter proposing the one hour event, and should announce CHRS support to members via the Newsletter and other appropriate means. Elizabeth Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

### Walking Tours – Elizabeth Nelson

Tickets for the April walking tours are on sale on EventBrite, with approximately one-third sold. An email was sent to CHRS members announcing the tours prior to general publicity.

### Communications Committee – Elizabeth Nelson

Elizabeth Nelson reported that the CHRS Instagram feed continues to reach more accounts and now has 1,445 followers.

### Preservation Cafes Update – Chris Mullins

Chris Mullins reported that plans have been firmed for Robert Pohl to present a celebratory in-person Preservation Café and CHRS Membership to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eastern Market on Thursday March 30. She also announced that Molly Acorn has agreed to speak on April 11 about marble mantelpiece restoration. On May 16 Joanna Kendig will speak on DC water and sewer infrastructure.

### Dick Wolf Lecture – Monte Edwards

Monte Edwards announced that Delancy Gustin has agreed to serve as co-chair of the lecture committee. He reported that Professor John Short of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, School of Public Policy, will present the 2023 Dick Wolf lecture on the subject of cities after COVID. The proposed date for the lecture is September 29, 2023.

### Community Relations Committee – Elizabeth Nelson

Capitol Hill Arts League has proposed that CHRS co-sponsor a Capitol Hill Art Walk in September repeating the past highly successful event. The announcement and advertisement will begin after the Mothers Day House Tour in order to avoid confusion.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved that CHRS agree to be co-sponsor with Capitol Hill Art League for Capitol Hill Art Walk. The Walk will be in September and promotion will begin after the Mothers Day House Tour. Undine Nash seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

### Zoning Committee – Beth Hague

Beginning on April 5, regular meetings of a reformulated Zoning Committee will take place at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of the month in CHRS 10<sup>th</sup> Street offices.. Nick Alberti will chair the committee, with Jackie Krieger, Fynnette Eaton, Beth Hague and Gary Peterson participating.

### Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

CHRS submitted testimony concerning proposed changes to 647 G Street SE which CHRS believes are not in keeping with the Capitol Hill Historic District. The proposed changes include substantial demolition, an oversize entrance areaway that inappropriately extends into the public parking, and substantial demolition involving nontraditional and dark interior spaces.

CHRS also presented testimony on proposed changes to 531 12<sup>th</sup> Street SE, pointing out inconsistencies and confusion in submitted drawings, concluding that the applicant has failed to establish that the proposed third story will not be visible from public space.

Motion to Adjourn

Jim Thackaberry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gary Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.