

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2023

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

Members Present:

Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, 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: Delancey Gustin, Gary Peterson

Also Present: Jill Uvena Cullinane, Office Manager

Secretary's Report – Maygene Daniels

Daniels presented minutes of the March Board meeting.

Motion: Jim Thackaberry moved that the March 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.

President's Report – Angie Schmidt

The President reported that the Nominations Committee (Beth Purcell (Chair), Jim Thackaberry, and Undine Nash) had developed a slate for the 2023 elections as follows:

President: Angie Schmidt

First Vice President: Christine Mullins

Second Vice President: Tina May

Treasurer: Nick Alberti

Secretary: Libby Quaid

At large expiring 2024: Delancey Gustin

At large expiring 2024: Jim Thackaberry

At large expiring 2024: Gary Peterson

The Board approved the slate. The President thanked the Nominations Committee for its services.

The President also reported that CHRS was contacted by an individual in Cambridge, MD. whose neighbor, Mary Farrell McCoy, was recently deceased. McCoy left several boxes of documents relating to redevelopment of Eastern Market. Angie Schmidt traveled to Cambridge

and brought the boxes to Washington, for possible deposit at George Washington University Gelman Library. Mary Farrell McCoy was an activist in discussions concerning renovation of the Market.

House Tour Update – Fynnette Eaton

The House Tour committee reported that planning for the annual House and Garden Tour is moving forward well. Eleven houses will be on the tour. Hill Center will be the rest and refreshment stop, and a free tour of the building will also be offered.

Fynnette Eaton also reported that the tour catalog is nearing completion. House histories have been written by contributors Libby Quaid, Beth Purcell, Joanna Kendig, and Alison Ross. An excellent group of paid advertisements also will be included in the catalog.

Sale of tickets on Eventbrite began in early April. CHRS members were sent special Eventbrite codes for unlimited discounted tickets. 227 tickets had been sold by mid-April.

House captains have been assigned for all of the houses. Elizabeth Nelson has been advertising for docents. Angie Schmidt will manage ticket sales and refreshments at Hill Center. A meeting of house captains will be held to explain the new check-in and wrist band systems. Plans call for six of the tour houses plus Hill Center to be equipped for guest check-in. On the day of the tour, any available tickets can be purchased on-line or in person at Hill Center.

Walking Tours – Elizabeth Nelson

A neighborhood Art Walk is planned for September. Publicity will begin after the House Tour to avoid confusion.

Communications Committee – Elizabeth Nelson

Clever Instagram “reels” (short videos) have been developed, by Libby Quaid, to promote membership on Instagram. Additional campaigns are being planned.

Preservation Cafés – Chris Mullins

On March 30 Robert Pohl presented a lecture in the North Hall of Eastern Market to mark the 150th anniversary of the Market. The in-person event attracted an excellent crowd.

Joanna Kendig will speak on the history of DC water and sewer infrastructure on May 16.

Presentation of Preservation Cafes will begin again in September.

Historic Preservation – Beth Purcell

The Historic Landmark Nomination for Eastern High School, Case 23-08, submitted by CHRS, is now officially filed with the Historic Preservation Review Board and will be scheduled for a

hearing. If approved as expected, the nomination also may be forwarded for consideration for the National Register.

The proposal for 647 G Street SE that was discussed at the March Board meeting, HPA 23-096, will go before the HPRB again. HPRB had requested additional information at an earlier hearing. It also was noted that the proposed construction will require zoning relief.

The committee also reported on 639 A Street SE. The project had received HPRB approval, however apparently unauthorized demolition was so extensive that only the front façade remains standing. A neighbor reported the situation and a Stop Work citation has been issued. No further information is available at this time.

Zoning Committee – Nick Alberti

Nick Alberti reported that on April 5, 2023, four members of the CHRS Zoning Committee met in person to discuss six cases. Representatives from all six cases participated to present their proposals. The Committee voted to support 4 cases: **BZA #20834**, 4 -5 Library Court SE; **BZA #20869** 336 11th St NE; **BZA #20886**, Capitol Hill Day School; **BZA #20891**, 915 Maryland Ave NE.

The Committee voted to oppose **BZA #20870**, 1236 Walter St SE, recommending that BZA request a sun study to determine the impact of the proposed extension on properties on both sides as well as 13th St NE.

The Committee also voted to oppose **BZA #20881**, 214 Warren St NE. The Committee noted that the rear extension would extend a total of 30' beyond an adjacent neighbor, considerably beyond the 10 foot matter-of-right zoning allowance.

Motion to Adjourn

Jackie Krieger moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chris Mullins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.