

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 17, 2024

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE. Schmidt reminded Board members the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note-taking.

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Maygene Daniels, Fynnette Eaton, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Chris Mullins, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the December meeting were approved on a voice vote without objection.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting.

President's report:

- Schmidt showed the Board the CHRS-sponsored Little League team tee signed by players and said it will join the collection in the office. Schmidt said CHRS will sponsor the team for another year.
- She said Washingtonian Magazine included the annual House & Garden Tour in its insider tips issue.
- She noted the new DC Department of Buildings finally announced its new grant program to help with renovation, restoration and repair of homes in historic districts and pointed out the house featured in the announcement is on Maryland Avenue NE.
- The Communications Committee meeting reviewed options for the new Newsletter design and Schmidt showed the design to the Board.

Committee Reports

Communications: Quaid reported on the Jan. 12 committee meeting, at which members reviewed the communications calendar for February and March and agreed on plans to promote the February Preservation Cafe, to finalize a March Hill Rag ad for the House Tour, and prepare for new online ads in the Hill Rag. The committee agreed on the concept of a media preview in mid-April before the House & Garden Tour. Members reviewed and added to the committee's media list for promoting events and discussed tentative social media posts in January and February.

Community Relations: Nelson said she has sent notice of the photo contest to listservs, to past participants in the contest, and to Art Walk exhibitors. Nelson said Capitol Hill Art League has also sent out notice. She said the Hill Rag ran the notice in its January Bulletin Board. Nelson also said the April volunteer fair at the Hill Center has been scheduled but that she will be out of town that weekend.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said the committee sent testimony on 630 G St. SE and Thackaberry said the 425 4th St. NE addition didn't go before the DC Historic Preservation Review Board because the meeting was canceled.

House Tour: Krieger said the panel chose local photographer Rindy O'Brien as the artist for the poster and catalog and that graphic designer Jean Kohanek was reviewing images. The committee agreed at the meeting it is time to solicit on social media to add homes to the tour. Schmidt mentioned that the Hill Center is on board as a check-in location and that architect David Bell has agreed to give tours of the building and its renovations as he did last year. The committee will be reaching out to writers for homeowner interviews for the catalog.

Membership: Daniels said membership is stable and said she's talking with the Communications Committee about communications with existing members.

Elections: Purcell said notice that the committee is seeking nominations for the Board will go in the Newsletter in February and March.

Zoning: Alberti said the committee did not meet.

Preservation Cafes: Mullins noted upcoming Preservation Cafes on the Southeast Public Library on Feb. 27, the history of electrification on March 26, Capitol Hill alleys tentatively in April, and Eastern High School on May 28.

New Business: Schmidt said she will reach out to past walking tour guides to begin making a schedule for spring walking tours. Burger suggested auctioning off an individual walking tour for a winner and several friends during the spring fundraiser season for local schools and groups.

Newsletter: The Board agreed on stories about: Mark your calendar/supporters, Photo Contest, Preservation Cafes, Historic Preservation, House Tour update, 601 Massachusetts Ave. NE update, Sidewalk Talk, the Eastern High School entrance's Tudor architecture, membership meeting with DC DOB, Elections Committee 2024 nominations.

Adjournment: The Board voted to adjourn on a voice vote with no objection.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Quaid, Secretary