

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
July 24, 2024

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th St. NE, Washington, DC 20002. She reminded Board members the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note-taking.

Members present: Nick Alberti, Maygene Daniels, Fynnette Eaton, Matt Handverger, Marci Hilt, Jackie Krieger, Elizabeth Nelson, Undine Nash, David Pelizzari, Beth Purcell, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Others present: Delancey Gustin

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented the June Board meeting minutes. Eaton moved to approve them, Nelson seconded and the motion passed on a voice vote with no objection.

Treasurer's Report: Alberti sent financial reports to members in advance of the meeting. The Board discussed the draft budget presented by Alberti, which was discussed in detail at the June Board meeting. The budget is voted on at the fall general membership meeting. Thackaberry moved to accept the budget with corrections, Nelson seconded the motion and it passed by a voice vote without opposition.

President's Report:

- Sidewalks. Schmidt gave members an update on the effort spearheaded by Capitol Hill Village and supported by CHRS to more quickly repair tripping hazards on Capitol Hill sidewalks.
- Salons. Schmidt said there is a new historic preservation salon group that will be holding quarterly luncheons; Hilt and Krieger attended the first one. Schmidt is working to host the event on the Hill.
- Committees. Schmidt distributed current CHRS committee descriptions and membership lists and asked Board members to review them for adjustments, changes and approval at the September board meeting. Daniels recommended the members read the organization's bylaws.
- Talking points. Schmidt distributed talking points drafted by the Communications Committee that can be used in staffing events and asked for a discussion at the September Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

Communications:

- Hilt said the committee met in June and July and approved a committee mission statement and 12-month communications plan focusing on publicity for the House Tour and Expo, the two major CHRS events, as well as Preservation Cafes, walking tours, and other events.
- The committee is planning advertising and promotions for the House Expo in October.
- Hilt mentioned a joint meeting between the communications and membership committees planned for Aug. 3.

Community Relations: Nelson mentioned CHRS's participation in the July Fourth Barracks Row parade. She reported on the group's participation in Fox 5 DC Summer 2024 Zip Trip live broadcast at Eastern Market on July 19. She said the Walking Tour Committee met recently to plan fall walking tours and the dates and tours will be in the next newsletter. She also discussed with Board members upcoming fall festivals in the neighborhood and Hilloween.

Dick Wolf Lecture: Gustin said she is pursuing a speaker to discuss the National Park Service's Tidal Basin revitalization project for the event, which does not yet have a date.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said the Historic Preservation Review Board at its July 25 meeting will consider a plan for a major addition to 229 8th St. SE, an 1870s two-story frame house that is fully detached.

Zoning: Alberti said the committee did not meet in July and will next meet in September.

House Tour: Krieger said the committee is planning for 2025 and intends to keep members involved by creating teams for tasks such as the search for locations for the tour, researching and writing house histories and training volunteers on research, finding house captains, and more. Eaton said the committee already has met with one homeowner.

Membership: Daniels said Handverger will join the committee.

Public Safety: Nash discussed the sidewalk repair and replacement issue in greater length.

New Business: Schmidt asked members to sign up for office cleanup times.

Newsletter: Board members agreed on items on the House Expo, the budget, soliciting House Tour locations, walking tours, the Fall general membership meeting, historic preservation, 612 East Capitol St., a call for stained glass windows. The submission deadline is Aug. 18.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, Nash seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote with no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Quaid, Secretary