

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2024

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th Street NE.

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Monte Edwards, Beth Hague, Marci Hilt, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

Secretary's Report: Nelson moved to approve minutes from the July Board meeting, Thackaberry seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection..

Resignations: Nash announced her resignation from the Board. Schmidt said Membership Committee Chair Maygene Daniels is also resigning.

President's Report:

–Schmidt said mystery boxes in the office have been cleaned out and that other historical materials were found.

–She received an estimate for the updated website from designer Laurie Anne Ernst and said the cost would be under \$5,000, with the initial cost being \$1,755. Schmidt said the estimate has already been approved, that there are funds in the 2023-24 budget and that the balance will be paid from the 2024-25 budget. The deadline is February 1, she said, well in advance of the House Tour in May.

Preservation Cafes: With Christine Mullins' departure from the Board, members discussed who might plan these events going forward. Members talked about asking individuals who have a specific idea to organize the event on that topic.

Treasurer's Report: Alberti sent a report to the Board in advance and said it appears the organization will end the fiscal year in the black.

Committee Reports

Communications: Hilt said House Expo promotional material has gone to the Hill Rag and other publications about walking tours and the House Expo. She said it appears the committee appears to have placed items in the Beacon, Blade and Southwester as well.

Community Relations: Nelson said she sent Board members what she would like to see approved as a committee description. Updated committee descriptions were circulated in advance and with the agenda at the meeting. Board members agreed informally there is no need to approve committee descriptions, as the descriptions provided to members by Schmidt do not change the organization's mission. Nelson said CHRS is registered for a table at

Hilloween on October 25. Nelson said the Art Walk was a success with 80 artists at 46 locations. She said it was publicized in The Washington Post, WAMU and other publications and said CHRS's logo appeared in various news outlets. Dates in 2025 will be September 13-14.

Schmidt said there may be a need for help moving tables between Hilloween and the House Expo.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said cases the committee considered in September were routine. She said HPRB meets the fourth Thursday of the month and could potentially hear two cases that are not problematic.

House Expo: Purcell said planning is coming along and about two-thirds of the approximately 30 tables are filled. Schmidt said she is checking to see if Eastern Market's basement will be available for our volunteer-led tours of the market.

Walking Tours: Schmidt said nearly three dozen tickets went free to members for the September walking tours and recommended that, moving forward, six free tickets be set aside for members on each walking tour. She said four tours are scheduled for October 19-20.

House Tour: Krieger said there are commitments from three homeowners for the House Tour in May. She asked for people to let her know if they would like to serve on the search committee. The footprint so far is more northeast and closer to the Capitol so far. Members were enthusiastic about finding homes in Swampoodle for the 2025 tour.

Membership: Schmidt said letters and other materials are being edited and that new Board member Matt Handverger is involved as a committee member.

Zoning: Alberti said the committee heard three cases in September and voted to support them all. He sent a report to members earlier.

New Business: Pelizzari reminded members he would check out the H Street Festival to see if it would be a good fit for CHRS in the future.

Newsletter: Members agreed on October newsletter content including

- Correction about East Capitol Street house
- Call for volunteers for membership and public safety committees
- Call for House Tour homes
- Walking tour story and photos. Hilt and Hague agreed to photograph tours.
- Art Walk story and photos
- Call for stained glass windows for potential walking tour
- General membership meeting story and photos
- Story and photos about preservation easements and plaques

Adjournment: Schmidt moved to adjourn, Thackaberry seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote with no objection.

Respectfully submitted
Libby Quaid, Secretary