

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 16, 2024

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th Street NE. Schmidt reminded members the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note-taking.

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Fynnette Eaton, Monte Edwards, Matt Handverger, Marci Hilt, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Undine Nash, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented the minutes from the September Board meeting with one correction. Eaton moved to approve the minutes, Thackaberry seconded the motion, and it passed on a voice vote without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Alberti sent financial reports to Board members in advance.

President's Report:

- Finances: Schmidt said the quarterly finance meeting was held and finances stayed largely the same.
- T-shirts: Board members received CHRS T-shirts at the meeting, and Schmidt suggested that anyone else who wants one could order through Custom Ink so there is no need for CHRS to store and manage orders.
- Capitol Hill Historic District signs: Older signs, which are put up by DDOT, are too faded to read. Purcell offered to find out and report back in November on how they could be replaced. CHRS did pay for Emerald Street signs but members thought the organization didn't pay for the Swampoodle signs.

Communications:

- Hilt said House Expo publicity has gone to appropriate publications.
- She said the Hill Rag once again ran our story submission facing our full-page ad, and that the deadline for submitting a story about the Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture is this weekend.

Community Relations: Nelson said Hilloween at Eastern Market is coming up October 25 and asked for more volunteers. Schmidt said there will be a volunteer signup by the end of the week.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said there aren't controversial cases on the Historic Preservation Review Board's October consent calendar but that there may be controversial cases on the November calendar.

House Expo: Schmidt said the committee has all its vendors for the 30 available tables and that four volunteer guides will be giving tours of Eastern Market for the October 26 event. She asked Board members to come to the event for an hour.

Walking Tours: Schmit outlined walking tours for the following weekend with plans for photos and videos: SE alleys at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (Hilt photographs), one-block streets at 1 p.m. Saturday (Nelson photographs), and Civil War and before at 1 p.m. Sunday (Quaid photographs).

House Tour: Eaton said plans are progressing and that more than half a dozen homeowners are potentially signed up.

Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture: Schmidt said the event will be November 19 at the Hill Center, and the subject is the National Mall and Tidal Basin restoration.

Zoning: Alberti distributed a Zoning Committee report in advance; the Committee voted at its October meeting to support two cases and oppose two cases.

Preservation Cafes: Schmidt said the Preservation League is interested in partnering on a Preservation Cafe this winter about historic windows. Board members discussed potential future events that could feature pop-up additions and historic W.S. Jenks & Son Hardware.

Newsletter: Board members agreed on items about the Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture, zoning and historic preservation committee reports, a recap of walking tours, a call for volunteers to research and write for the House & Garden Tour catalog, a House Expo roundup with photos and a photo of the Capitol Hill Little League team sponsored by CHRS. The deadline for submissions is October 28.

Adjournment: Nelson and Thackaberry moved to adjourn and Eaton seconded the motion, which was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid
Secretary