

Capitol Hill Restoration Society
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2025

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting on Zoom due to inclement weather. Schmidt reminded members the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note-taking.

Members Present: Nick Alberti, Chuck Burger, Fynnette Eaton, Beth Hague, Matt Handverger, Marci Hilt, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented the minutes from the January Board meeting. Hilt moved to approve the minutes, Nelson seconded the motion and the motion was approved on a voice vote without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Alberti sent a report in advance.

President's Report:

- Revive Stanton Park Group. The group asked the Board for a vote in support of its mission to secure a funded plan, in partnership with elected officials and the National Park Service, to restore and revitalize the park, along with objectives to repair and maintain the park and highlight its history. Board members voted on a motion to support the group's mission and objectives and it passed without objection.

Committee Reports

Communications:

- Hilt said the Communications Committee met February 11 via Zoom. She said the preservation cafe recording is about to go live on the new CHRS YouTube channel. She said the committee is looking for photos to illustrate the March and April preservation cafes. Hilt noted that March is Women's History Month and said she's working with Congressional Cemetery to set up a walking tour and ice cream social for June.
- She said the committee discussed having a table at Eastern Market to promote the House Tour; the cost would be \$70 for the weekend before the tour, and a CHRS volunteer would have to attend an orientation beforehand. Board members discussed the idea, and Schmidt indicated the House Tour committee would discuss it at a meeting on the 13th.
- Pelizzari presented the new website design. Members were complimentary and asked about photos on the main page and whether they would be static and also about digitizing the newsletter archive. Schmidt stressed the effort to make sure existing material remains on the website so that research capability is not lost, and Pelizzari added the site is being built so there is space to add digitized newsletters that are older than what's there, which is about 20 years' worth. Pelizzari said a test website will be rolled out soon and that the goal is to go live on April 1.

Community Relations: Nelson mentioned the upcoming March 29 volunteer fair at the Hill Center. Board members voted by voice with no objection to register for the event.

Photo Contest: Handverger mentioned submissions to the photo contest and said he is hopeful judges will post on their social media platforms and that the contest needs more promotion on CHRS social media channels.

Membership: Handverger said notice of expired membership went out recently and that about 20 people reactivated their memberships. He discussed reaching out to

prospective members who have registered for events via Eventbrite. Burger asked about a polished membership piece to send to his own mailing list.

Nominating: Purcell said the committee's work is slightly ahead of schedule.

Zoning: Alberti said the committee met February 2 and voted to support three cases; alley subdivision behind 304-308 K St. NE; exemptions for a rear addition to 321 D St, SE; and design of a new correctional facility at 1900 Massachusetts Ave. NE.

House Tour: Eaton said that both house history workshops went exceedingly well and brought in new volunteers and that the first house history has been completed, thanks to Purcell. Krieger asked for house captain and docent volunteers.

New Business:

RFK Stadium: Board members had an extensive discussion about use of the site, including for an NFL team. But in the absence of the most recent draft of a white paper by Purcell and Edwards, members agreed to table discussion and vote on a position via email.

Newsletter: Board members agreed to include items on the photo contest, winterizing old houses, Schmidt's testimony to a DC Council committee on sidewalks, the 70th anniversary celebration, Board elections, a call for House Tour docents, preservation cafes, volunteer fair, historic preservation and zoning.

Adjournment: Purcell moved to adjourn, Burger seconded and the motion was approved on a voice vote without objection.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Quaid, secretary