

**Board of Directors Meeting
July 16, 2025**

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

Members present: Nick Alberti, Matt Handverger, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented minutes from June. Thackaberry moved to approve the minutes, Pelizzari seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Alberti sent members financial information in advance of the meeting. The committee that oversees the CHRS investment fund met recently, he said.

Budget: Alberti presented the budget for fiscal 2026. After brief discussion, Nelson moved to approve the budget, Thackaberry seconded the motion, and it was approved on a voice vote without objection. The budget will be presented to the general membership at its meeting on September 11 at the Hill Center.

President's Report:

- Walking Tours: Schmidt met with the walking tour group and has a plan for fall tours, four on September 6-7 and four on October 4-5. They'll go on Eventbrite on July 28 for members, and Schmidt will email members to let them know they have first access to tickets and a discount.
- Upcoming events: Schmidt will send an email to members about an upcoming Stanton Park cleanup as well as the Capitol Hill Art Walk.
- DC Archives: It appears funding has been restored by the DC Council for the new DC Archives building.
- Website update: Should be live soon.
- Membership meeting and photos: Schmidt showed Board members framed historical photos from the CHRS office of non-extant structures on Capitol Hill and said she and Pelizzari plan to bring them to the general membership meeting. They include images of Providence Hospital, Ebenezer Church, Brent School and the block razed to make way for the Supreme Court building..
- Schmidt mentioned an upcoming community meeting on the RFK stadium.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Quaid said the committee met July 8 via Zoom. Committee members went over the budget again as well as the newsletter and planned promotions for the fall walking tours. She noted there is always a need for good photos for the newsletter and encouraged Board members to take photos at CHRS events.

Community Relations: Nelson updated the Board on registration for the Capitol Hill Art Walk in September. She said the July 4 parade was successful with good turnout. She suggested that emails to the membership include more specific subject lines. The Board suggested the Communications Committee coordinate sending of emails with engaging subject lines.

Environment: Kendig said there is no new information on the DC Council's bottle bill. Schmidt said CHRS is trying to find other places that, like Stanton Park, need extra help with cleanup and maintenance. Kendig said she would write a newsletter item soliciting information from members. There was discussion of pocket park gardens. Purcell said CHRS should publicize Department of Public Works information on how recycling is supposed to work.

Historic Preservation: Purcell sent Board members testimony she gave on behalf of the committee on a proposed new basement window and entrance at 328 4th St. SE. The committee supported the recommendation on design and materials by DC Historic Preservation Office staff and said the committee agrees with HPO staff that the basement entrance, which would require excavating the front yard and breaching the retaining wall, is incompatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District. She also sent testimony about the Concept Submission on an addition at St. Peter, School saying the committee believes the design is compatible with the Historic District, except for oversized two-story windows which are not in scale.

House Tour: Krieger said the committee met to review the 2025 tour. Members discussed archiving old House Tour posters as digital images. Pelizzari said he would take that on.

House Expo: Purcell said the planning group met last weekend and previous vendors are reaching out. The committee is raising the registration price to \$200. There was discussion of new requirements by Eastern Market that CHRS obtain a permit from the fire marshal.

Membership: Handverger said new members were added today, including one-year complimentary memberships for people who came on the House Tour. He distributed proposals for new short and longer mission statements. The Board discussed options and Handverger will distribute edits to Board members for a vote.

Zoning: Alberti sent Board members a committee report. He said Della Barba Pizza, 1382 East Capitol St. NE, is seeking an outdoor patio and said the committee supported the application for an exception and use variance. The committee also supported an exception/use variance application for 409 East Capitol St. SE for a third-story rear addition and office use of the first floor (which has been used as an office for decades without approval for commercial use). The committee took no position on a proposal to add a deck to a porch roof at 1128 4th St. NE.

Newsletter: Board members agreed to include walking tour photos, an item on the House Expo with photos, an item on the membership meeting with photos, a story about trash, a photo of a pocket garden along Massachusetts Ave. NE, a feature on pressed brick facades and the Preservation Cafe.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn and Thackaberry seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote without objection.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby Quaid, Secretary