

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Board of Directors Meeting

November 19, 2025

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:16 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7th Street NE. She reminded members that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note-taking.

Members present: Nick Alberti, Monte Edwards, Matt Handverger, Marci Hilt, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

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

Treasurer's Report: Alberti presented a draft contract between CHRS and the group Revive Stanton Park for CHRS to hold money as a fiscal agent because of CHRS's 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. After discussion, Alberti moved that CHRS act as fiscal sponsor for Revive Stanton Park and use the agreement he presented. Edwards seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote without objection. Included in the agreement:

- CHRS will receive and hold funds raised by Revive Stanton Park.
- Revive Stanton Park must submit written requests for disbursement of funds.
- CHRS prefers to pay vendors directly; reimbursements may be allowed with advance notice and appropriate documentation.
- All expenditures must be consistent with CHRS's mission and allowable charitable purposes.
- Any work proposed for Stanton Park requires approval from the National Park Service.
- The agreement term is three years, after which it will be reviewed by the Board.
- If Revive Stanton Park dissolves or becomes inactive, any remaining funds revert to CHRS.

President's Report:

- Brick sidewalks. Schmidt said she met with ANC 6A03 Commissioner Roberta Shapiro and Ward 6 Council Member Charles Allen to walk along sidewalk locations planned for trials of concrete stamped to look like brick. She said the sidewalk committee including CHRS, Capitol Hill Village and other groups has a roundtable discussion set for December 10 at DDOT offices.
- Book reviews. Schmidt mentioned the speaker at a recent lecture by the Ruth Ann Overbeck Capitol Hill History Project, Alison K. Hoagland, and asked if anyone would like to review Hoagland's book, "The Row House in Washington, DC: A History," for the newsletter Pelizzari agreed to. She and other Board members discussed the idea of a book club about history.

- **Preservation Cafes.** Schmidt said the November talk about the historic pipe organ at St. Joseph's Catholic Church was a success. Schmidt said more will be scheduled after a date is set for the annual Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture.

Committee Reports:

Communications. Hilt said the group met November 18 and decided to update the website monthly or more often based on CHRS events and agreed to ask the membership for help with the website and with photos. The committee also discussed potential Preservation Cafes on interior paint colors, historic window maintenance, roof maintenance and Community Forklift, she said. She added the committee intends to meet with planners for the House Tour and House Expo prior to those events to help with promotions.

Community Relations. Alberti said Hilloween was well-attended and said Nelson still has candy for 2026. He said Nelson photographed each vendor at the House Expo. He said Capitol Hill Art League invited CHRS again to cosponsor the annual Capitol Hill Art Walk and Board members generally agreed to this.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said the Historic Preservation Review Board approved what is essentially a pop-up at 605 Constitution Ave. NE, originally a one-story 20th Century building, over the objection of CHRS. She said the HPRB and staff cited the 2013 approval of an addition at 1331 Constitution Ave. NE as a precedent.

House Tour: Krieger said the committee has begun recruiting houses for the 2026 House Tour and has secured one signed contract, with another house likely. Outreach efforts include letters, flyers, and direct contacts. Schmidt asked Board members to submit potential leads in writing. Members discussed submitting an article with a map to The Hill Rag newspaper early next year.

House Expo: Purcell reported that the November 1 House Expo was successful and well-attended, with positive feedback from vendors. Schmidt said moving tables continues to be challenging and recommended hiring paid assistance rather than relying solely on volunteers. Pelizzari moved to hold the House Expo in Fall 2026, with the date to be determined. Edwards seconded the motion, and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.

Membership: Handverger reported that reminder emails resulted in several renewals and said CHRS currently has 355 active members. He also said he's working on a newsletter article on removing obsolete utility wires from historic properties.

Zoning: Alberti reported that the zoning committee reviewed two cases and voted to support both. One involved a rear extension, and the other involved a second-story addition to an accessory building. He noted that one case raised a potential zoning compliance issue regarding the number of dwelling units, which will be flagged in correspondence to zoning officials.

New Business: None raised.

Newsletter: Members agreed on content for a December/January issue, including items on sidewalks, historic preservation, the St. Joseph's organ Preservation Cafe, House Tour

recruitment, Stanton Park statue follow-up, the House Expo, the Row House book review and a membership appeal. Deadline is December 1.

Adjournment: Hilt moved to adjourn, Alberti seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, secretary