

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Board of Directors Meeting

October 15, 2025

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:09 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, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

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

Treasurer's Report: Alberti said CHRS ended the fiscal year with a surplus. He distributed a report beforehand.

President's Report:

- **Revive Stanton Park:**
 - Schmidt attended a recent cleanup organized by the group, an event that featured National Park Service personnel, including a historical interpreter. She said she hopes CHRS will be able to hold a community parks talk for a membership meeting or with another group or as a Preservation Cafe. She said the park will be getting new historically appropriate water fountains and will be adding Linden trees.
 - Revive Stanton Park met with Schmidt and Alberti recently and will be asking CHRS to hold money they raise as a fiscal agent because CHRS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Alberti said CHRS has done this in the past. Pelizzari said he would find the required form.
- **Sidewalks:** Ward 6 Council Member Charles Allen said in a recent newsletter there will be pilot locations in the neighborhood of concrete that is stamped to look like brick. The locations are inappropriate, Schmidt said, and she is following up with planned walks with Allen and the local ANC representative.

Committee Reports:

Communications: The committee met October 14.

- Upcoming event promotion. Hilt said members discussed promotions of the upcoming Preservation Cafe and House Expo. Hilt sent items about the Expo to about a dozen news outlets and said social media promotion of the Expo began on the 14th.

- Photos. Hilt asked for everyone's help photographing events and distributed a tip sheet for taking pictures.
- Website. Schmidt said Elizabeth Nelson would no longer serve as web master and that CHRS will be looking for one. She said no changes would be made to the website till November 3 that aren't done by the web designer.

Preservation Cafe: Quaid said the next one will be in person on Thursday, November 6, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The topic will be the full restoration of the historic pipe organ.

Community Relations: Hilloween will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on October 31 at Eastern Market, Schmidt said. CHRS will need volunteers to move tables into the North Hall for the House Expo the following day, and Schmidt said she would be sending an online signup to Board members.

Environment: Kendig said the bottle bill is moving through the process and mentioned an item about it in Council Member Allen's recent newsletter. She reiterated that federal tax breaks have ended on solar installation and said she is working on a Preservation Cafe for January or February.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said in September the Historic Preservation Review Board heard three Capitol Hill cases that were routine.

House Tour: Schmidt said the committee is starting the process for 2026 and sending letters to members soliciting houses. Boundaries are roughly 10th Street to 1st Street Southeast and south of Pennsylvania Avenue to the freeway. Quaid said there will be a display at the House Expo to solicit houses and docents.

House Expo: Purcell said most of the exhibitor tables are filled. She said volunteers will hand out postcards in front of Board Member Chuck Burger's Coldwell Banker Realty Office to promote the event.

Membership: Handverger said there are 353 active members with four new members since last month.

Zoning: The committee met October 1 and heard 3 cases, voting in support of one and in opposition to two. The committee opposed a special exemption for a proposed third-story addition at 1829 Massachusetts Ave. SE, suggesting the addition be set back and existing mansard roof left intact. It opposed a special exemption for a two-story with basement rear addition and one-car garage with second story accessory dwelling unit at 307 15th St. NE; the addition would extend 26 feet beyond the rear wall of the adjacent property, well over the 10-foot maximum allowed by right, and would extend more than ten feet beyond all the row houses on the same side of the block. The committee supported a request for relief from a parking space requirement for an apartment house being built at 1341 Pennsylvania Ave. SE because the adjacent neighbor is pursuing litigation that could prevent use of the parking space.

New Business: New Commanders stadium and Metro station. Edwards suggested Schmidt write a letter to Council Member Allen asking that CHRS be included in the review and planning for public transportation at the RFK site and expressing support for a second Metro station on the northeast side of the complex to serve the entire community and not just game attendees. There was general agreement on the letter.

Newsletter: Members agreed to include items on sidewalks, zoning, historic preservation, the St. Joseph's organ Preservation Cafe, a House Tour solicitation, the RFK Metro station letter, the House Expo, a walking tour wrap-up with photos and a story about Stanton Park history with photos. Deadline is October 19.

Adjournment: Purcell moved to adjourn the meeting, and Handverger seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, Secretary

Marci and david seconded