

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Board of Directors Meeting

January 21, 2026

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

Board members present: Nick Alberti, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Fynnette Eaton, Tina May, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

Also present: CHRS member Marianne Klein.

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented the minutes from the December meeting. **Pelizzari moved to approve the minutes, Eaton seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote without objection.**

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

President's Report:

- **Newsletter.** Schmidt introduced Klein, who volunteered to edit the newsletter going forward.
- **Stanton Park.** Schmidt met prior to the Board meeting with Revive Stanton Park and National Park Service staff regarding planning for a Stanton Park celebration in conjunction with this year's celebration of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2026, with a rain date of June 27. CHRS may provide a short walking tour of Fifth Street between Stanton Park and Seward Square and host an outreach table. The Park Service plans to install two interpretive signs in Stanton Park, one focused on the Nathaniel Greene statue and one on the park's history. Schmidt invited Board members to assist with research with a deadline likely in May; Pelizzari expressed interest. Schmidt also noted CHRS will help promote the event.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Quaid reported that the committee held its regular meeting January 13 and met with the House Tour Committee on January 16. Updates included website work, promotion of the Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture and photo contest, development of a donate button on the website, and planning for House Tour promotions. The committee will meet again with the House Tour Committee in February.

Community Relations: Nelson proposed a concept for outreach to children and families through potential walkable field trips for local schools. Board members discussed possible age-appropriate walking tours, including alley tours and neighborhood history tours, and agreed the idea merits further exploration.

Environment: Kendig said the District's container deposit ("bottle bill") legislation is still moving through committee and discussed a potential future Preservation Café related to solar energy, which may be better suited for later in the year.

Historic Preservation: Purcell reported on a case the committee supported involving a new two-story garage and said the CHRS filed comments in support of the design for the new Rumsey Aquatic Center. Purcell said staff from the Embassy of the Netherlands requested a walking tour that she gave on January 19.

House Tour: Krieger said eight houses are currently committed, along with an additional space on Eighth Street SE to serve as headquarters for this year's tour. The committee is continuing outreach and will begin work on house histories, with meetings upcoming. Krieger said the committee hopes to get a space on the tour inside the historic Maples Condominiums.

Membership: Schmidt reported that membership is holding steady with some growth. She said the committee is exploring improvements to donation pathways and evaluating the effectiveness of outreach and appeals.

Zoning: Alberti reported on three cases reviewed, none of which were considered significant. He said one involved adding bays to a house outside the historic district, with positive attention paid to matching original cornice detailing. Schmidt asked if anyone attended the recent meeting on the Rumsey pool and Krieger said she was there and that DC's Department of Parks and Recreation gave presentation to the CHRS Historic Preservation Committee as well as the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.

Elections: Purcell mentioned the Board's previous selection of herself, Peterson and Burger for 2026-2027 Board and officer elections and said all agreed to serve.

New Business: Schmidt noted the Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture will take place on February 11 at 7 p.m. at the Hill Center, and there was discussion of holding a brief membership meeting beforehand.

Newsletter: Members agreed to include zoning and historic preservation reports and items on house tour volunteer outreach, the photo contest, articles on solar energy and composting, Board and officer elections, the recent Preservation Cafe, the Dick Wolf lecture and a multi-page spread about Black history on Capitol Hill.

Schmidt discussed February newsletter content and planning including House Tour outreach, the Photo Contest, a Preservation Cafe recap and solar power.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn and Eaton seconded **the motion; it was approved on a voice vote without objection.**

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, secretary