

## Capitol Hill Restoration Society

### Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2025

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:16 p.m. at the Northeast Library, 330 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Fynnette Eaton, Tina May, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Alberti said a contract was signed between CHRS and Revive Stanton Park, with Alberti and the group's members Monica Plisch and Ellen Levinson signing, for CHRS to act as fiscal agent because CHRS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

President's Report:

- **Stanton Park.** Schmidt said she attended a recent meeting of the Revive Stanton Park and learned the National Park Service is working with the group in planning a June 20, 2006, event, with June 27 as a rain date, for a celebration in conjunction with the nation's 250th anniversary. The Nathanael Greene statue is one of the city's only to depict a Revolutionary War figure, and the Park Service plans to erect two signs and host historical reenactors at the event. Schmidt suggested:
  - CHRS could help Revive Stanton Park with communications.
  - CHRS could help review Park Service signage.
  - CHRS could develop a walking tour and script from Stanton Park to Seward Square that could run throughout the event.

Some Board members expressed concern about whether the historical signs would be accurate and members discussed reasons to be involved. **Pelizzari made a motion to continue the conversation and participate as the spirit of the Board sees fit; Nelson and others second the motion and it passed with two abstentions.**

Schmidt said the **next Revive Stanton Park meeting will be January 8** at the Northeast Library and that she will attend. She said she expects Park Service Ranger Vince Vaise to be in attendance.

- **Sidewalks.** Schmidt participated in a roundtable discussion with District Department of Transportation officials, including the deputy chief of operations who oversees signs and streetlights.
- **Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture.** A lengthy discussion took place, led by Edwards, about the future of the lecture and its history. Schmidt said the 2026 speaker will be

James Darius Ball, Director of Future Cities at the National Building Museum, and that the event is planned for February 11 at The Hill Center. **Schmidt moved to express a sense of the Board that Edwards should explore partnership options with the Committee of 100 and discuss potential format changes with the Wolf family, then report back to the Board. Alberti seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications:** Quaid reported that the committee met December 16 and discussed promotions of the **Preservation Café on January 14** featuring Linda Bassert of Masterworks Window Fashions & Design presenting on interior paint colors (Zoom event, 6:30 p.m.), the **Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture on February 11**, the **annual photo contest (deadline March 1)**. She said the committee discussed help with the annual appeal letter and submitted a recap article on the St. Joseph's pipe organ Preservation Café to the Hill Rag, ahead of a year-long series of free organ concerts.

**Community Relations:** Nelson said the Capitol Hill Art League thanked CHRS for agreeing to serve as a community sponsor of the **Capitol Hill Art Walk in 2026, scheduled for September 12–13**.

**Environment:** Kendig reported that the District's container deposit ("bottle bill") legislation is advancing through committee. She is also preparing an article on composting for the newsletter and exploring a future Preservation Café on updated incentives for residential solar installations.

**Historic Preservation:** Purcell reported that CHRS supported two minor cases currently on the HPRB consent calendar that are expected to be approved.

**House Tour:** Krieger and Schmidt reported steady progress on the 2026 House Tour, including contracts with several homeowners and the use of 507 8th Street SE as tour headquarters. The tour footprint is focused on the area south of East Capitol Street between First and Ninth Streets SE.

**House Expo:** Purcell said final revenue figures are pending, as some vendor payments are outstanding.

**Membership:** Handverger said CHRS currently has 364 active members, continuing an upward trend.

**Zoning:** Alberti said the committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, with three cases anticipated.

**Elections:** Purcell said preparations should begin for 2026–2027 Board and officer elections. **Nelson made a motion to name last year's committee which was Purcell, Peterson and Burger, subject to members' willingness to serve. Thackaberry seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote without objection.**

**New Business:** None.

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

**Adjournment:** Handverger moved to adjourn, Thackaberry seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, secretary