

## Capitol Hill Restoration Society

### Board of Directors Meeting

February 18, 2026

First Vice President Fynnette Eaton 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.

**Board members present:** Nick Alberti, Eaton, Marci Hilt, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Tina May, David Pelizzari, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Jim Thackaberry.

**Also present:** CHRS member Marianne Klein.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Alberti sent a report in advance and said expenditures are on track, income remains limited but sufficient and the reserve fund performance is strong.

**President's Report:** Eaton gave a report in the absence of President Angie Schmidt.

- Newsletter. Klein is up to speed overseeing the newsletter.
- Stanton Park signage. Purcell and Pelizzari volunteered to help Schmidt with wording to submit to the National Park Service for new Stanton Park signs in conjunction with the nation's 250th anniversary. The deadline is March 1 and they will share their submission at the March Board meeting.
- Dick Wolf Memorial Lecture. About 40 people attended the February 11 lecture, and discussion was lively. The Board agreed to send the speaker, James Darius Ball of the National Building Museum, a \$200 gift card to Franklins Restaurant & Brewery in Hyattsville. **Eaton moved to send the gift card, Alberti seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.**
- House for National Trust walking tour. Architectural historian and author Alison K. Hoagland asked CHRS to help identify a typical Capitol Hill row house with double parlors and rear el, with a homeowner willing to let the group see inside in September; the board suggested a home that was on a recent House & Garden Tour.

### Committee Reports:

**Communications:** Hilt noted the committee met February 10 and said members discussed website updates, Black History Month content and Dick Wolf Lecture promotion and newsletter recap. The committee planned more photo contest and House Tour promotion and social media promotion focused on recruiting docents for the House Tour. Hilt said social media posts for Women's History Month are planned and suggested a contest since April is national poetry month. Pelizzari offered to handle a poetry invitational and said he would propose guidelines the next day. Hilt said she also was arranging with Eastern Market to rent a space to promote the House Tour.

**Community Relations:** No report.

**Environment:** Kendig said the District's container deposit ("bottle bill") legislation is still moving through committee. She mentioned future newsletter content and a Preservation Café on solar energy.

**Historic Preservation:** Purcell said the committee generally supported plans for the design of the new Rumsey Aquatic Center and that the Historic Preservation Review Board has requested revisions. Board members had a lengthy discussion about the public comment period and timeline for the Rumsey project.

**House Tour:** Krieger noted the annual tour is three months out. She said seven houses are confirmed and there could be eight, with one garden confirmed and the possibility of a second. Additional sites are Taoti Creative on 8th Street SE, the Hill Center and Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. She mentioned the poster and brochure concept, a collage of architectural detail photos, and said docent recruitment is under way.

**House Expo:** Purcell said planning for 2026 is under way and that there are still some 2025 vendors with outstanding payments.

**Membership:** No report.

**Zoning:** Of five cases, the committee supported four and opposed one involving a rear extension.

**Elections:** Purcell asked to run a notice of elections in the newsletter again.

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**New Business:** None.

**Newsletter:** Members agreed to include items on the poetry invitational, Women's History Month, zoning and historic preservation reports, a recap of the Dick Wolf Lecture, the elections notice and a call for House Tour docents.

**Adjournment:** Hilt moved to adjourn and Thackaberry seconded **the motion, which was approved on a voice vote with no objection.**

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, secretary