

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2026

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:08 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, Fynnette Eaton, Matt Handverger, Marci Hilt, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, Elizabeth Nelson, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry.

New Business:

RFK Stadium Redevelopment/Committee of 100 Letter. The Board discussed a letter prepared by the Committee of 100 on the Federal City regarding the RFK redevelopment proposal, particularly transportation and parking concerns. Edwards explained that comments to the National Capital Planning Commission had already been submitted by the Committee of 100 and proposed that CHRS submit a brief letter supporting the Committee of 100's position. Edwards noted that NCPC had granted preliminary approval to the stadium proposal while reserving judgment on parking issues for a later date. He emphasized the importance of CHRS being on record regarding transportation and parking concerns. **Motion: To authorize CHRS to submit a letter supporting the Committee of 100 letter and attachments regarding the RFK redevelopment proposal. Nelson made the motion; Eaton seconded it and the motion was approved on a voice vote with no objection.**

President's Report:

- RFK Community Meetings. Schmidt reported on a recent RFK planning meeting held at St. Coletta's and expressed concern that some city representatives did not appear fully informed about the surrounding transportation and parking context. She noted that Events DC, rather than the Department of Parks and Recreation, is currently expected to manage the proposed recreation center.
- Historic District Signage/Kingman Park. Schmidt reported that she had spoken with representatives from Kingman Park regarding the possibility of improving historic district signage and related preservation efforts. Kingman Park representatives were receptive to the concept but noted limited funding. The board discussed creating an ad hoc committee to explore strategies for strengthening awareness and visibility of historic districts, including signage and potential landmark designation efforts. **Nelson made a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to explore strategies to strengthen and promote historic districts, including Capitol Hill and neighboring historic districts. Pelizzari seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.** The board further agreed that CHRS representatives could meet with Kingman Park representatives to discuss potential collaboration related to preservation and historic district awareness.
- Stanton Park/America 250 Planning. Schmidt reported that Revive Stanton Park is planning activity related to park improvements and America 250 programming.

Upcoming cleanup days, tree plantings, and a June 20 anniversary event with the National Park Service are in development.

- National Building Museum/DC 2050 Initiative. Schmidt said CHRS has been contacted by the museum's Future Cities program about early discussions connected to the city's long-range 2050 land use planning efforts

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented minutes from the previous meeting. **Motion: Handverger moved to accept the minutes, Pelizzari seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.**

Treasurer's Report: Alberti reported that the organization's investment and endowment funds continue to perform well. Discussion followed regarding possible future uses of investment earnings to support community projects and preservation initiatives.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Hilt reported the committee continues to post regularly on social media promoting the House & Garden Tour. She said CHRS recently surpassed 5,000 Instagram followers. She added that a social media preview of a tour home is being planned and said a full-page ad and feature story with photos will appear in the May issue of the Hill Rag. She said a news release went to the CHRS media list about the tour. And she said CHRS will have promotional tables at Eastern Market leading up to the tour, prompting a discussion about staffing logistics.

Community Relations: Nelson provided an update on research into possible youth walking tours and educational programming tied to Capitol Hill history and local schools. Discussion followed regarding potential themes and partnerships. The Board also discussed the possibility of developing walking tours connected to the Stanton Park anniversary programming.

Environment: After Kendig updated members on the D.C. Council's bottle bill, discussion followed about neighborhood mosquito-control education efforts, including a new grassroots initiative focused on reducing standing water and non-toxic mosquito mitigation strategies. The board agreed CHRS would not formally promote the effort at this time pending additional information.

Historic Preservation: Purcell said the Historic Preservation Review Board continues to seek refinements to plans for the Rumsey Aquatic Center renovation. She said the committee supported smaller residential applications involving rear additions and garages.

House & Garden Tour: The committee reported on preparations for the May 9-10 event, saying house captains are assigned and docent assignments are under way and that posters, postcards and catalogues are nearing completion. Members said early ticket sales were strong. Board members discussed the idea of "proud supporter of" posters in businesses for future tours.

Membership: Handverger reported on the Photo Contest, saying judging has concluded and that winners will be announced soon. He said a reception for winners is planned for early May at the Coldwell Banker Eastern Market office.

Elections: Purcell presented the committee's proposed slate for the coming year, including Rosemary Harold for the at-large board seat vacated by Beth Hague. Motion: Purcell moved to approve the proposed 2026 slate presented by the Nominating Committee; Nelson seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.

Zoning: Alberti reported on two recent cases. The committee voted to support an application involving partial infill of a dogleg. The committee opposed an application for an accessory building, on an alley that is too narrow for the building. Alberti said the committee advised the applicant there is room in the rear yard to move the building back from the alley.

Newsletter:

The board discussed content for the upcoming newsletter, including: Board nomination biographies and photos, photo contest coverage, RFK redevelopment updates, Stanton Park/America 250 programming, possible Stanton Park historical content.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid, secretary

