

Capitol Hill Restoration Society

Board of Directors Meeting

June 17, 2026

President Angie Schmidt convened the meeting at 6:04 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, Chuck Burger, Fynnette Eaton, Monte Edwards, Joanna Kendig, Jackie Krieger, David Pelizzari, Gary Peterson, Beth Purcell, Libby Quaid, Schmidt, Jim Thackaberry. Also present: Marianne Klein and incoming Board member Rosemary Harold.

Secretary's Report: Quaid presented minutes from the previous meeting. **Motion:** Eaton moved to approve them with minor corrections, Purcell seconded the motion, and it was approved on a voice vote without objection.

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

President's Report:

- **Incoming Board member.** Schmidt welcomed Harold, who has agreed to serve on the Board for a term beginning in July.
- **Stanton Park America's 250th event.** Schmidt is meeting with Revive Stanton Park Thursday regarding its June 20 event with the National Park Service for America's 250th.
 - She asked Purcell and Pelizzari to review Stanton Park information that will be distributed at the event based on what they provided NPS for signage.
 - She said CHRS will have a table at the event with membership materials and a signup sheet for walking tours.
 - She said a very good walking tour along 5th Street from Stanton Park to Seward Square has been developed and that Eaton, Purcell, Harold, Quaid, Robert Pohl and herself will be giving walking tours during the event.

Budget: Alberti presented a proposed budget for FY 2027 and Board members discussed the numbers and asked questions. **Motion: Pelizzari asked for clarification and a revised budget to be presented at the July meeting, with Eaton seconding the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote without objection.** Final Board approval is needed before the budget can be submitted to the membership for a vote.

Committee Reports:

Communications. Hilt is still hospitalized and the committee did not meet in June but continued to work informally. The website was updated to add the Stanton Park 250th event and calendar events, and Quaid promoted it on social media. Quaid mentioned recent social media posts about Providence Park, the Watterston House, the Carbery House, tower and turret architecture and a history mystery about an irreverent guide to Capitol Hill in the 1980s. More material is planned on Pride Month since it is June. The plan is to post content from the 5th Street walking tour developed for the 250th celebration at Stanton Park, and the committee can provide pictures and words for the newsletter. Schmidt said website updates will also happen this summer.

Community Relations. In the absence of chair Elizabeth Nelson; Alberti said volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:30 for a group photo before the July 4 parade along Barracks Row.

Environment. Kendig said the bottle bill is pending in the Committee on Transportation and Environment; no progress was reported.

Historic Preservation. Purcell said the committee reviewed two routine cases, a garage project and a rear addition associated with a garage, and supported both applications. The Historic Preservation Review Board was scheduled to consider the cases on the fourth Thursday of the month, and the applications were expected to be placed on the consent calendar.

House and Garden Tour. Eaton and Schmidt said the committee met earlier in the day and began planning for the next House and Garden Tour. A general organizational meeting will be held in September for board members, newer CHRS members and others interested in assisting with the tour. The committee generally begins identifying potential tour houses in November.

House Expo. Burger said the organizing meeting will happen soon and the Fire Department has committed.

Membership. The summer membership meeting and ice cream social was rescheduled for June 29 at the American Legion hall. The date differed from the one printed in the newsletter. An email announcing the change had been sent to the membership, and an additional reminder was planned.

Elections. Purcell said the committee has completed its work and that ballots have been mailed and will be counted after the deadline. The election cycle will conclude in time for the new officers and directors to begin their terms on July 1, she said.

Zoning. Alberti said the committee reviewed two cases. The first involved a proposed third-story addition to a two-story house, an addition would extend approximately 16 feet beyond the neighboring property and would remove the existing roof cornice. The committee supported the requested special exceptions and planned to recommend that a visual cornice or similar architectural treatment

be added between the second and third stories to continue the cornice line of the neighboring houses.

The second case involved an addition that had already been approved and constructed. The Department of Buildings subsequently determined that a special exception was needed because the work altered a nonconforming side yard. The committee supported the requested special exception.

New Business: Edwards proposed establishing a committee to identify community projects and partnerships that align with the CHRS mission and could be supported through investment earnings or other available funds. The Board discussed whether the group should focus on recommending special projects or developing a formal grant program. Members generally favored pursuing the concept and agreed that additional discussion is needed regarding the committee's purpose, structure and procedures. The proposal will return at a future meeting, with the possibility of forming an ad hoc committee, and could be reported on in the newsletter. Alberti also agreed to highlight annual investment income in future financial reports to assist with planning for special projects.

Newsletter: Board members discussed newsletter items for the July-August issue including historic preservation and zoning briefs, coverage of the 250th anniversary of the U.S. celebration at Stanton Park, material from the walking tour developed for the event, July 4 parade photos, House & Garden Tour photos and the proposed FY 2027 budget, following Board approval.

Adjournment: Thackaberry moved to adjourn the meeting, Peterson seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Quaid

Secretary