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CHRS Members
marched in the 2006
Fourth of July parade on
Barracks Row. Photo:
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About CHRS

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) was founded more than 50 years ago to help preserve and protect the historic neighborhood's architectural and residential character. Due to the efforts of CHRS, Capitol Hill won designation as a historic district in 1976.

CHRS, formed as a non-profit group, is now the largest civic association on Capitol Hill, and one of the largest in the District of Columbia. CHRS continues to play a key role in maintaining the integrity, history and appeal of the neighborhood which has been a diverse community for more than 200 years.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

You've probably got some questions about CHRS or the Capitol Hill historic district and chances are others have asked us the same things. Please check here first for an answer to your question. If the answer is not here, email the CHRS office and we'll do our best to respond with the information you are requesting.

What is the Capitol Hill Restoration Society?

CHRS is the oldest and largest civic organization on Capitol Hill, representing about a thousand members. The Society was founded in 1955 to protect the historic fabric of the neighborhood.

- [More answers to common questions](#)

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CHRS Mission Statement

Board of Zoning Adjustment
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For more than 50 years, the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) has championed the interests of residential Capitol Hill by working to preserve its historic character and enhance its livability through efforts in planning, zoning, traffic management, and public safety.

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Proposed 2010 CHRS Operating Budget

by Paul Cromwell

The 2010 CHRS budget, which has been approved by the Board of Directors, will be voted upon at the membership meeting on September 21. The budget for 2010 has been reorganized and streamlined in order to provide more flexibility and better accounting. Expenses proposed for approval by the membership are the total expenditures proposed for Administration, Program, Communications and Membership, thus allowing some flexibility within the four categories.

Prior year budgets included the "Sale of Goods" which for 2010 has been moved to "Special Events" under "Communications" and the House Tour income has been included as an Income item rather than as a separate section in the proposed budget. However, income and expenses for the Tours are included in a chart below the proposed budget.

The major item in the 2010 budget is the continuation of the Beyond the Boundaries project. CHRS funds are being used to supplement grants that have been received by CHRS in support of this project. Since these funds exceed income monies will be transferred from the Endowment Fund to achieve a balanced CHRS budget. This was presented in the 2009 budget no funds will be transferred from the Endowment Fund in Fiscal 2009 because the funds have not yet been needed.

Income and Expenditures to date for 2009 are through June 30. A further accounting of Income and Expenditures will be on the web site at CHRS.ORG.

- [View the 2010 Proposed Budget \(PDF\)](#)
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The proposed CHRS 2009 Operating Budget by and large proposes to continue I

item expenditures based on previous years, with several notable exceptions.

Last year CHRS began a new initiative called "Beyond the Boundaries," which recognizes the interest of the Society in the historic nature of neighborhoods outside the boundaries of the Capitol Hill Historic District, but within the Capitol Hill Planning Area. This effort has ranged from sponsoring activities designed to promote appreciation of neighborhood history to assisting with surveys of the neighborhood's historic resources.

Most of the CHRS funding has been devoted to the survey of historic buildings in order to document the buildings and create an important database of information about the neighborhoods. The DC Office of Planning, in its Capitol Hill Area Element of the Comprehensive Plan, roughly defines the boundaries of this planning area as Florida Avenue and Benning Road to the north, Second Street to the west, and the Anacostia Waterfront to the south and east. A total of \$36,000 was included in the 2008 budget, and a total of \$80,000 has been proposed by the Board for 2009.

This significant effort cannot be supported by our normal sources of income, including memberships and proceeds from the house tour. Therefore funding to support Beyond the Boundaries activities is proposed to be transferred from the Endowment Fund account (Transfer in from other Accounts) and the temporary suspension of CHRS Grants Program (\$12,000).

- [View the 2009 Proposed Budget \(PDF\)](#)

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