

Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch !

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE

Wednesday March 9, 2005

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Basement Conference Room

City Hall

1. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2005
2. Future Directions – bring your ideas!
Prepare list of proposed tasks
3. Possible New Members
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

ATTACHMENTS:

February 9, 2005 DRAFT Minutes

FYI: “Historic Preservation of the Woolen Mills Dam”

FYI: City of Charlottesville’s “Historic Preservation Plan” 1993 (in need of update)

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**Historic Resources Task Force
DRAFT Minutes
February 9, 2005
Basement Conference Room, City Hall**

Task Force members present:

Mark Beliles, Chair

Mary Hill Caperton

Ginnie Keller

Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala.

Staff was instructed to ask Huja for Coy Barefoot's email address.

Informal discussion of possible new members included Jeff Werner from Piedmont Environmental Council; John Gaines, a resident of 10th & Page neighborhood; Mr. Rivello with the UVA police, whose name would be in the Albemarle – Charlottesville Historical Society's (ACHS) newsletter; a liaison from ACHS; and a liaison from Preservation Piedmont. The Mayor would appoint new members.

Ms. Smyer-Kelly said we need an end goal. Mr. Beliles said it is to commemorate, preserve, and communicate history.

Mr. Beliles called the meeting to order and called for approval of minutes. Discussion of the minutes took place.

Ms. Caperton said an intern is needed to pull together a list of the Historic Resources Task Force (HRTF) accomplishments.

Ms. Keller thought an Annual Report was done in the Spring of 2004.

Mr. Beliles said a power point was done the previous year.

Ms. Caperton asked about the dedication date for Court Square. Perhaps late spring – coinciding with Garden Week. Invitations, a press release should be done.

Ms. Keller suggested Wednesday April 13, Founder's Day, but not the same time as Monticello events.

Mr. Beliles said the signage is not up yet. He wondered who would do Court Square Days – it used to be done by the Downtown Foundation.

Ms. Caperton said she would email the text for the McGuffey marker.

The HRTF members asked about the Court Square sign and any remaining items, and what is the likely date for dedication?

Someone suggested that the HRTF try a lunchtime meeting. Staff is to send a notice to members, highlighting the change to noon, with a bring-your-own bag lunch. Keep the same basement meeting room if possible.

Mr. Gooding moved to approve the December 8, 2004 minutes.

Ms. Smyer-Kelly seconded.

The December 8, 2004 minutes were approved unanimously.

The HRTF took up the January 12, 2005 minutes.

Staff was asked to email Douglas Day to check with the distribution people (publications volunteers) at ACHS how the Tour Book sales are doing. Ms. Caperton checked at the gift shop at the Visitors' center and was told that only Monticello items could be sold there.

Ms. Caperton moved to approve the January 12, 2005 minutes.

Mr. Goodling seconded.

The January 12, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

Staff gave a report on the County Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) meeting. Ms. Scala noted that the County has a Historic Preservation Plan that is very thorough and well written. The City's Historic Preservation Plan was prepared in 1993, and needs to be updated. This would be a good task for the HPTF, as part of the upcoming review of the City's Comprehensive Plan this year.

Ms. Caperton inquired about the old Court Square sign – whether it would possibly be relocated.

Ms. Keller suggested incorporating historic facts in the City buses or trolleys. Make history fun. Did you know Paul Goodloe McIntire... We could feed questions to Channel 29 for the Sunrise Stumper.

Ms. Smyer-Kelly said she had seen coffee table books that showed "before and after" photos in various large cities.

The Chair asked if there were other suggestions.

Staff said that the HRTF is the County HPC's counterpart. This group may want to prepare a priority list of activities similar to the list that they prepared. She also noted

that the Board of Architectural Review is currently updating the City's list of Individually Protected Properties, if anyone has any suggestions to add.

Someone suggested a brick outbuilding off Cherry Avenue as you travel toward Ridge from 9th Street.

Mr. Beliles noted he had received a letter from William Maloney regarding the Woolen Mills dam.

Ms. Caperton said there was a proposal to breach the dam for fish. She noted a book called "The Founding Fish."

Staff was requested to copy and distribute to the group a report called "Historic preservation of the Woolen Mills Dam."

Ms. Keller suggested getting a grant and hiring a consultant to prepare interpretations to display along the Belmont Bridge.

Ms. Caperton suggested a permanent display at the Transit Center similar to the one at the Amtrak Center.

The Chair said to read through the County's list and to come back to our next meeting with more thoughts and goals. Keep working on a list of goals and proposed tasks, what we want to see accomplished. Throw out more ideas and names of people who would be good to invite to join the HRTF.

Ms. Keller suggested people formerly on the Preservation Piedmont Board or Board of Architectural Review, possibly Clarence McClymons on Locust Avenue or Ross Stevens, or any other real estate people interested in historic properties, or a member of the Chamber.

Someone suggested a booklet of historic markers that have been done or that we are going to do.

Staff was asked to contact Huja regarding who at the University assisted with markers located there, i.e., the Poe marker.

Mr. Beliles said that at the next meeting we will continue to discuss other persons. We need to "get our act together," then invite new people. He offered to step down as Chair, if someone else was interested.

The meeting was adjourned.