

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE

Tuesday June 20, 2006

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

609 East Market Street Suite 114

1. Approval of Minutes – April 4, 2006
2. Follow up - historic markers
 - Woolen Mill
 - Frank IX
 - John West
 - Fairfax Taylor
 - University Cemetery
 - McGuffey
 - Penn Park
 - Burley School
3. Future Directions – Brainstorm and refine list of proposed tasks to entice new members – prioritize one or two projects!
 - Additional markers
 - Neighborhood display grants
 - Bus posters
 - Display for Transit Center
 - Annual report
 - Web site information
 - Joint meeting with other area groups
 - Comprehensive Plan update – weigh in
3. Other Business
4. Adjourn

NOTE: You can park in the Market Street Parking Garage. Stamp your ticket for two hours free in the Neighborhood Development Services lobby seating area.

Mission Statement

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force was charged by City Council in 1998 "To promote and help develop the historic resources of the community."

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Historic Resources Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2005

Members present:

Mark Beliles
Douglas Day
Gennie Keller
Mary Hill Caperton

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

It was decided to move the meetings to the second Tuesday at noon at Mark Beliles' office at 609 E. Market Street, Suite 114. [NOTE: the meeting day was later changed by Mark to the FIRST Tuesday of the month, due to a scheduling conflict.]

Douglas Day discussed a possible HRTF website. He noted that Cinder Stanton's Social History group at Monticello set up a discussion forum on the web. He said the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society had a joint discussion forum at albemarlehistory.org

He also noted websites for tinyurl.com and freebb.com
Paypal charges 30cents an item plus 10% of purchase price.

Mary Joy will find out when the City's website will be redesigned.

The committee decided the following items should be added to a new HRTF web site:

Home page

Contact information

Members list

Announcements

Mission statement -- goals

Summary of achievements:

Past projects and future projects or programs

Text of all historical markers

Tour book

Court Square and photos

Future goals

Douglas Day recommended Joey Conover at La Pepa Designs to design the website for approximately \$250.

Mary Joy will suggest that the fountain marker at Court Square be set in the pavement, and will find out where Huja got the building markers.

Mary Joy will contact Jeff Werner and remind him that the HRTF would like to participate in the Monticello Wine Company marker dedication.

There was discussion of the McGuffey marker – possibly to be located at the end of the alley near Pavillion IX.

Mary Joy will contact Huja to find out who he contacts at UVA for placement of markers there.

Gennie mentioned that she would like to see some interpretation on Belmont bridge.

Huja may have photos of past events, such as the tour of markers around Court Square.

Stephanie Smith did the press releases and invitations – perhaps she kept a log?

In honor of preservation Month, there will be a speaker from Poplar Forest at the Senior center on May 24 at 6 pm. Sara Lee Barnes is the Chair of the County Historic Preservation Committee, who is organizing that event. libassoc@virginia.edu
Mary Joy is to contact her and send regrets for not participating, saying there was not enough notice.

Regarding a possible update of the City's 1993 Historic Preservation Plan, Gennie is willing to chair that effort. She suggested getting involved in neighborhood association newsletters. We could schedule a time each month. First we need to get authorization by contacting Jim Tolbert again. The HRTF wants to be formally tasked by City Council to update the Historic Preservation Plan over the next year.

Gennie suggested asking Jean Hiatt to help, also Kaye Halsey and Coy Barefoot. Mark Beliles said he would try to contact Coy Barefoot.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15p.m.

June 20, 2006

Mayor David E. Brown
City of Charlottesville
P.O. Box 911
Charlottesville, Virginia

RE: Historic Resources Task Force

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of the City's Historic Resources Task Force (HRTF), an organization that was created by City Council in 1998 "to promote and help develop the historic resources of the community." The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

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The HRTF members include Mark Beliles, Chair, Mary Hill Caperton, Douglas Day, Helena Devereux, Winston Churchill Gooding, Genevieve Keller, Mark Shore and Ingrid Smyer-Kelly. The HRTF is supported with a small annual budget from the City.

The HRTF is probably best known for locating new State and local historic markers around the City, and for publishing with the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society the *Historic Charlottesville Tour Book*. However, the HRTF would like to take a more active role in promoting the City's resources.

Therefore, the Historic Resources Task Force would like to change its name to the "Historic Resources Committee," to better acknowledge its ongoing responsibilities and permanence. Jim Tolbert supports this change, and suggested that I write to you to make the request. I hope you can either approve the change, or if necessary, have the request placed on a Council agenda in the near future.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Joy Scala
Preservation and Design Planner