

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE
Wednesday January 11, 2006
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
609 East Market Street Suite 114

1. Approval of Minutes – November 1, 2005
2. Recap - Court Square Dedication
3. Future Directions – Prepare list of proposed tasks to entice new members
4. Other Business
5. Adjourn

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Historic Resources Task Force
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2005
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon

Members present:

Mark Beliles
Mary Hill Caperton
Douglas Day
Ingrid Smyer-Kelly
Gennie Keller
Helena Devereux
Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Mark Beliles called the meeting to order. He asked for corrections to the minutes. Gennie Keller found three typos.

Douglas Day said Pooh Johnson's name was misspelled. He moved approved of the amended minutes.

Mark Beliles seconded. The minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Mark said FYI, the Thanksgiving Festival is coming up. There is an article in today's C-ville in the Downtown holidays tabloid.

Regarding Court Square dedication preparations, Mary Joy should send the invitation as an attachment to Douglas Day – he will email it to his board. Ingrid will also email a list of people to invite.

Channel 29 will film the dedication ceremony live.

Mary Joy showed a draft invitation and asked about the order of speakers.

Mary Hill will call David Simpson at the C&O about refreshments - 50 people maximum?

Ingrid asked how long it will last? Dedication – 20 min; reception to follow.

Mark will have historic people in costume. Period dancing will follow the dedication ceremony.

Douglas Day asked if the street will be closed.

Mark said on Saturday only. He also noted there will be a gun firing and a bagpiper. This will be the kick off for the Thanksgiving Festival from Nov 19-26. At 7:30 is the Jefferson revolutionary ball. See Jeffersonthanksgiving.org.

Mark suggested that he should speak last on the program. Forward the invitation document to all HRTF members and the list of invited people.

Douglas will set up the podium and PA system – where?

Mark said to the side – the sign will be wrapped up for the ribbon cutting.

Mary Joy asked who will cut the ribbon? The Mayor and the County person probably.

Douglas asked if the Presidents will be there and perhaps they should help.

There was a side discussion about Thomas Walker. It was noted that Thomas Walker and Martha Jefferson will attend.

Ingrid will take care of the flowers, tables and cloths.

Mark asked about getting books from the historical society.

Mary Joy and Mary Hill will arrange for food. Mary Joy will call Pooh. To meet there at 224 Court Square.

Mark discussed the Mission Statement. Change “electronic” to “digital.”
Mary Hill said the statement should go on the web site.

Douglas suggested a tiny url: HRTF.org?

Mary Hill suggested using the City seal and the rendering of the Court Square project.

Douglas suggested a montage of all different pictures including historic markers. Click on thumbnails. Mission statement; list of committee members; “under construction – more to come.”

Mark said Douglas should do a domain search for a short name.

Mary Hill moved, and Gennie seconded to adopt a mission statement.

Mark said Dec 4 is the Preservation Piedmont annual meeting. Mary Joy will send details.

Helena said there will be opportunity for additional speakers and discussion. Later, every 2 months or so, would like to see more of a “neighborhood up” expression, not just a “talk down” discussion. People have strong feelings – need neighborhoods to be respected.

Douglas Day said Mary Joy has heard from Jane Covington. She rehabbed 505 Ridge Street, and now has another property in Fifeville. She wants to help get tax credits through historic designation. Douglas told her to apply through the historical society, like Lynne Rainville did to do the slave cemetery at Brown’s Cove. He told Jane that he would bring it up to the Task Force.

Also, the current president of Alliance Francaise said they will be involved in the 2006 National Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown. Charlottesville is connected through Jack Jouett. She will be sending information. The date will be October 16, 2006. A lot of reenactment s and walking tours, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.