

**Historic Resource Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2007
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon**

Members present were: Mark Beliles, Genevieve Keller, and Mary Hill Caperton.
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mark called for consideration of the May 1 minutes. Mary Hill and Genevieve were not present on May 1, so the minutes were deferred to the next meeting for approval. Instead Mark called for review of the previous meeting discussion. Mark asked Mary Joy to discuss what she remembered (court square, old jail, student visitor asked about markers). Mark presented a list of existing state and local markers. There was discussion about the Inges Store marker; Mary Joy clarified that was the last local marker; and that HRC needs to write down process for local markers so it's not forgotten.

Mary Hill said that UVA never responded to request for a local McGuffey marker. She said there had been discussion about putting the marker on the Presbyterian Church site downtown, adjacent to the Wachovia Bank. Genevieve suggested sending a letter to UVA each year saying here is what HRC is doing and do they (UVA) want to participate? Mary Hill will send another letter to UVA regarding the McGuffey marker.

Genevieve said that members Helena, Mary Hill, and Winston met at the Historical Society and looked at archived exhibits. They found lots of material to work with to put in display cases in the Transit Station. HRC may have to redo the captions because they could not use the entire exhibits. Mark asked about the Public Commemoration Committee. Mary Hill spoke to the ladies at the Transit Station about the display case. They said there is a picture rod at the top so things could be hung. HRC needs a board that Velcro would stick to. HRC could do parts of same exhibit each time they change the display.

Genevieve noted a planned lunch at the Nook tomorrow. And Mary Hill mentioned the Bill Elwood film 'The Road to Brown' about a massive resistance movement in 1959, and that HRC's role would be to add historical construct. Mary Hill suggested acting in an advisory capacity.

Mary Joy reminded members that HRC needs to spend their allocation. Mark suggested doing so through the October event. Mary Hill suggested through the McGuffey Marker or display cases.

Mark suggested someone should research display cases before HRC can discuss them. Mary Hill said there are three (3) TV screens upstairs in Visitors Center. She asked Marks Shore about a slide show loop. It might have to be paid for. Genevieve suggested

that HRC could display markers on the TV screens. Mark suggested that Helena could follow up with a letter. Mary Joy suggested that HRC should perhaps first decide what they want to show. Genevieve said that if the screens are sitting idle, could show historic images. HRC could have some public service announcements.

Mark asked about the status of local markers. Genevieve mentioned the Frank IX building. Mark said to check on the status of Pen Park. Other local sites are McGuffey and Fairfax Taylor. Mark said to consider doing a state marker at George Clark statue near UVA. No information about it yet though. Mary Hill said to send the list of prospective markers to the committee. Mark also asked about the Pen Park language. Mary Hill said she would send the Tremain's contact info to Mark. For state markers, need to send text to Mary Hill for Pen Park. Mary Hill will contact Betsy Gilmer and Myron Tremain since she knows them instead of Mark doing so. Mary Hill said HRC discussed African American markers, but has no structures on which to put them. Mark is not sure if a marker was ever done for the Faulkner state marker. Mary Joy said her intern, Missy Celi, is interested in photographing all the markers for the website.

Genevieve suggested doing a Literary Tour of Charlottesville featuring Poe, Faulkner, and McGuffey. Possibly expand to include the arts such as Georgia O'Keefe and Dave Matthews Band.

Mark asked if there were other committee reports in terms of publications.

Mark discussed the education and public meetings committee. He said they did not seem to have definite leadership for an annual education event, but let HRC's committee propose something and let it happen. The municipal band is willing to do a performance.

It's fine with Doug and the band and that the October 6 date is set.

Mary Joy offered to send email to Piedmont Area Preservation Association group prior to July 5 steering committee meeting. Mark said he could meet with key people.

Mary Hill had to leave.

Genevieve thought it may be too ambitious to have a speaker to discuss four (4) centuries then have the band perform. Mark said there would just be tables at the event, but the streets won't be blocked. Tables could include children's history, culture, and food. HRC still needs to come by a good speaker. Mary Joy said she would check on reserving the pavilion. Reserve from 1-5, but the event would be from 2-4 with the speaker at 2 and the band at 3. Restaurants need to be notified of "07" theme and perhaps prepare a dish.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.