

**Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2007
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon**

Members present were: Mark Beliles, Chair, Mary Hill Caperton, Helena Devereux, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly, Gennie Keller, and Winston Churchill Gooding.
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mark asked Mary Joy to email members the November minutes (not yet approved) and they can make changes/approve them by email.

Mark asked everyone to consider the December minutes that are before them.

Ingrid noted that, regarding the first paragraph, she was suggesting that this conference would be something we could consider along with the County. The conference was well-attended.

Mark said that would be good to keep in mind.

Helena said on page three to add “as a speaker” following “Everyone in the state wants Kelso.”

Gennie and Mark noted other corrections on page 3.

Mary Hill moved to approve the December minutes.

Helena seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mark said one of the most important things accomplished last time was going over the work plan and projects. We called for individuals to make a commitment to work on specific areas.

Gennie said she has not communicated yet but is most interested in markers. She is also happy to help with the gathering, special event.

Mary Joy said she liked Mark’s idea of consolidating the subcommittees.

The categories Mark proposed were:

1. Education

Special events (this year: Jamestown/Monasukapanough)

Mary Hill, Mark

2. Public Commemoration *Gennie*
Historic markers *Helena, Winston,*
Displays or exhibits *Mary Hill, Helena*
3. Publications
Digitize City Landmark Survey *Douglas, Mary Joy*
HRC web page *Douglas*
4. Annual gathering with other preservation groups *Ingrid, Mary Joy, Mark, Gennie*
5. Special Projects
Old jail *Helena, Mark, Winston*
School curriculum *Ingrid*

Mark asked if there were any thoughts on that.

Mary Hill said not to clump too many things in each category.

Ingrid asked for an explanation.

Gennie said she would work on Public Commemoration and the annual gathering;

Winston said he would work on Public Commemoration and special projects.

Mark called for questions and follow-up. He asked about the Transit Center opening.

Mary Joy said it was this spring sometime.

Mark said no one was put in charge to contact Mark Shore.

Mary Hill said she talked to Mark Shore. There will be a small leased area; not much display area.

Mark said to find out when it will open and if there is an event planned. He asked Mary Hill to keep working on it.

Mark said we had discussed having an event this year tied into Jamestown. Douglas Day was talking about coordinating with ACHS – any more clarity on that?

Mary Hill said Douglas has been talking to someone who has music written for the first Jamestown Commemoration - it would be great fun to have the Municipal Band play.

Mark asked if anyone else knows if ACHS has anything planned in the spring?

Mary Hill said we were talking about an archaeological display, maybe for late summer or early fall.

Gennie asked who would design it?

Mark suggested maybe just having a speaker.

Ingrid suggested bringing a reenactment group to the pavilion for school children.

Helena asked about the focus for the preservation group for this year.

Genie suggested the group's name as "Preservation Coordinating Council" or PCC.

Mark said he would talk to Douglas.

Mary Hill suggested a grand meeting of all the groups' members; not just the boards.

Mary Joy suggested that this group could place display cases in the Transit Station to accept revolving displays from ACHS.

Gennie suggested an oral history of transportation in Charlottesville.

Mark said there is a transportation display at the Amtrak station.

Mary Hill said we could ask Ric Barrick to come to our next meeting to brainstorm.

Ingrid asked Mary Joy to find out who the contact persons are for the City and County schools. She wants to get something started so that children can participate in what is going on in our history.

Mark said they have to justify the curriculum by the Standards of Learning (SOL).

Gennie suggested approaching them by asking what they would like us to do.

Helena said as First and Second graders her children at Burnley Moran took a walk downtown – they don't have time to do that anymore.

Gennie said they can relate through the SOL's or through a guest program or after school. There is a person at APVA who does education (Tamara Rock?). DHR also does some things with education. Monticello has an educational director (Robin Gabriel?).

Mark said, coming back to the February 15 meeting, when I represent the group, does anyone have anything in particular to send me with into the meeting?

Mary Hill suggested having a mass meeting through all the historic groups - Lewis and Clark? Have a special presentation – each group has 3 minutes to tell their mission and what they are doing.

Mark said that last year the meeting was comprised only of the leaders. He would like to plan for a larger gathering for a bigger (open) educational event.

Ingrid asked how many participated and who they were?

Mark said it was by invitation only.

Helena suggested another event, a different meeting, that would serve a different purpose - to be educational and to reach out to the public.

Ingrid said that would be a perfect chance to have speakers from each group to give presentations and invite the public – have lunch and charge a small fee. It would be a way to recruit new members to let people know what groups are available to volunteer for.

Helena suggested that a larger get-together may be 1-2 years away.

Mary Hill said we need outreach and PR. Many organizations, clubs, and the senior center need to be made aware.

Gennie asked what is our role in this? We are not a member organization. We need advocates – we would draw them ideally from that membership.

Mark said that now that we have clarification of the projects and goals as a committee, how can we get word out about us – recruit new members – use a flyer or brochure or the website to invite others to participate? Are we ready?

Winston said we should have a list of accomplishments – all the monuments and markers.

Mary Hill said if they were on the web page we could just print it out.

Mark said he is working on the content for a web page. It could be the exact same thing as a print piece.

Mary Joy said an intern has been organizing the committee's files.

Mark said to let him know when the files are ready.

Helena said we need a list of all the markers that are in place.

Mark said he will get the content collected, then give it to Douglas to get it added to the web site.

Ingrid suggested putting the markers on our web page.

Mary Hill suggested talking to Coy Barefoot. Our first event was a charette to hear everyone's vision of Court Square.

Winston said we should use Court square as part of our promotional resume.

Mark said that getting new people will come from all of us.

Gennie said we need a liaison from each neighborhood – coming up, not percolating down. If we had liaisons, then when we wanted to do a marker, we could run the marker text by that group.

Mary Hill asked Mary Joy to send her a list of neighborhood associations.

Genie said we could ask each organization if there is a person who wants to participate.

Helena said there is a huge project on Cherry Avenue – does that neighborhood have anything they want to preserve?

Mary Hill said they send out letters a couple times a year.

Mark said these are subcommittee types of tasks. Between meetings you should get together. We have not precisely defined Chairs. Next time we will identify who is in charge.

Gennie said we should meet in the interim.

Helena said Mary Hill is going to call Ric Barrick.

Ingrid asked Mary Joy to send her the preservation group letter.

Mark said everyone should meet this month.

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