

**Historic Resource Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2008
NDS Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Mary Hill Caperton, Winston Churchill Gooding, Helena Devereux, Steven Meeks, Melanie Miller

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Members absent: Mark Beliles, Genevieve Keller, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Discussion of May minutes. A change was suggested to page 1 of May minutes about discussion of April minutes. Mary Joy will check April minutes. Helena suggested removing the names of Anthony Guy Lopez and Bruce O'Dell because they did not attend. Melanie moved to approve the minutes and Winston second the motion. The minutes of May 5 were approved.

Sacajawea Marker Text Discussion: Someone thought the image of Sacajawea was a reproduction of a dollar coin. Concerning the text, three iterations were discussed: (1) combine text versions 1 and 2 with questions at end; (2) Rozina George's second version was endorsed instead by the committee. (3) Jennifer Tidwell wanted context with meaning and questions at the end. Committee's final decision was Rozina George's text version.

Committee Leader Reports:

Education and Public Meetings: Nothing new.

Public Commemoration: Concerning displays...Helena's next exhibit is up at the transit station-"Ghost Signs". Mary Hill asked if anyone saw public relations calendar in newspapers? Mary Hill contacted The Hook, C'ville and Daily Progress to add the transit station exhibit in their calendars...they all said they would. No one saw them. Per Helena said the display needed heavier backing. Per Mary Hill glue is a problem...Helena asked if an intern could help...Mary Joy said yes there is a intern for the summer...will need to help with the next exhibit.

Helena asked about VFH (Virginia Foundation for the Humanities)...per Mary Joy the idea of asking Karen Firehok's class at UVA to write a grant to develop historic themes fell through.

Publications: Helena asked about putting digitizing of City Landmark Survey on hold. Mary Joy asked if ACHS (Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society) have interns. Per Steven no interns are available until the fall.

Special Projects: Nothing (no new projects). Helena asked what would ACHS like to see done at old jail. Per Steven jailhouse as an exhibit area and have the jail opened to the public. Submit ideas for the old jail to the committee.

Steven met with Dave Norris, Gary O'Connell, Dr. Lynn Rainville and Coy Barefoot regarding the Centennial Civil War 2011 commemoration, 200th anniversary...Is this something the committee is interested in? Helena suggested we should be kept up to date. Lynn has done research on Maplewood Cemetery, and has a web site with local histories. Mary Hill commented that there used to be an

organization to look after the cemeteries. Melanie said that it will be reinstated. There has been a lot of vandalism recently.

Winston suggested inviting Channel 29 and The Daily Progress to a gala affair having all the Committee's accomplishments laid out.

Mary Hill said our accomplishments could comprise one of the displays at the Transit Station. Helena thought it would be great to have an exhibit on markers.

Mary Joy will send Steven a link to HRC web site.

Steven brought up the idea of a pamphlet of marker locations for the Visitor Center.

Other Business: Melanie contacted City Council via email about the idea of brown signs for street signs in historic districts. Huja said he will check on it; while Norris referred it to Jim Tolbert. Jim asked about the cost and where did we want it. Melanie suggested replacing signs. Helena asked if the signs would only be on the part of a street in a historic district, and asked if we have discussed this as a whole committee?

Winston asked if we have a quorum. Helena suggested that we get Mark and Genevieve's reactions. Steve commented that we discussed this a little last month. Mary Hill said that this is something we all want but it's a bit ambitious. Mary Joy will bring a map for the next meeting to see if any locations jump out.

Melanie suggested stolen signs could be replaced with brown signs. Mary Hill also asked if this committee could maybe pay for 10 signs. Steven suggested a walk thru to determine locations. Helena commented that a sign that announced, for example, "Entering the Venable neighborhood historic district" would require less expense than the street signs approach. Helena mentioned that signs need to be edited and trimmed into proper size. Mary Hill asked if there should be two at the entrance or combined. Helena asked if we have enough money for approximately two signs per year. Mary Hill said we do have one sign in progress (McGuffey).

Helena mentioned at one time Mark gave annual report, over a year ago in March or February. Need to create a list of accomplishments and need someone to budget. Mary Joy will report each next month budget allocation.

Concerning the Sacajawea marker per Mary Hill a bronze marker is \$400-500. Helena asked if this was being presented for our feedback. Bring back comments in July. Mary will send comments.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm