

**Historic Resource Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2008
NDS Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

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

Actions:

- **Approved November 6, 2007 minutes.**
- **Approved Mark Beliles and Helena Devereux as co-chairs for one year.**

To do:

- **Helena wants update on email addresses.**
- **Mary Hill asked about maintenance of house adjacent 611 Preston Place (605 Preston Place).**
- **Send Sacajawea text to Jennifer Tidwell.**
- **Look at Sacajawea monument setting.**

Meeting began with a discussion of past minutes. Mary Hill moved approval; Winston seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **Minutes Approved.**

Many suggestions were made to the text of a marker explaining the Lewis and Clark monument and Sacagawea's position on it.

Mark suggested everyone (especially the marker committee) go look at the monument's setting and make a recommendation for placement of the marker.

Ingrid suggested closing the road to the south of the statue to make a park.

Mark said there was talk of redesigning the whole intersection.

Winston suggested placing the marker on the hill in front of Midway Manor.

Genevieve suggested incorporating it into the West Main Street redesign.

Mark suggested recommending statuary for additional commemorations (historic art).
Mark said we could suggest specific persons.

Mary Hill suggested talking to the Art in Place people.

Genevieve expressed disappointment that the Committee was not associated with the Municipal Band event last fall.

Mark said he wants to resign from the Chairmanship of the Committee due to travel and missing meetings.

Mary Hill wondered if there is any other organization that could absorb this group?

Winston was concerned that any other group would take over our agenda, and he feels we should continue.

Genevieve said this group needs re-invigorating – we have Council support.

Mark agreed the time is right for this Committee.

Helena suggested having co-chairs for a one-year trial, and asked if Mark could stay on in that case. Mark and Helena agreed to be co-chairs for one year.

Genevieve asked about advertising for new members. However, the group wanted to have input on possible additional members.

Genevieve suggested applying for a grant from Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VHF) to develop interpretive themes for Charlottesville. The themes could be used in the West Main Street redesign, on posters on buses, at the Transit Station exhibit, and on our web site.

Helena suggested talking to libraries (such as ACHS's Margaret O'Bryant) to see if people show an interest in local history. Helena will talk to persons before the next meeting to get names and suggestions; a place to put up posters.

Genevieve left the meeting.

Ingrid moved and Winston seconded that Mark and Helena serve as co-chairs, which carried unanimously.

It was decided that, if Genevieve says OK, we will meet on Mondays at 11 a.m. starting February 4 in NDS Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at noon.