

**Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2008 DRAFT
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Melanie Miller, Helena Devereux, Mark Beliles, Mary Hill Caperton, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Members absent: Steven Meeks, Winston Churchill Gooding, Genevieve Keller

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Approval of November 10th minutes:

Helena moved to approve November minutes with one capitalization correction and Melanie seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion:

Mary Hill said she saw an article about Ingrid's new book in the Daily progress on Sunday.

Mark said he saw a news release was in today's paper regarding the Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance.

Ingrid said to ask the group for an ongoing survey of what is being torn down. She suggested putting a list on the website.

Mary Hill said it could be a regional list.

Preservation Week Planning:

Bus Signs: Mark asked about bus signs. Mary Joy will get information for the January meeting. Spaces to post interior bus signs 11 x 17" would be free. The exterior space is rented. Questions are, can the HRC rent a sign space on the outside of the bus (if City agencies may not use the space for non-commercial purposes)? If not, could they go through Preservation Piedmont to have the sign? How often are interior signs changed? Who changes them? The Committee would like to place "factoid" bus signs on bus interiors on a continuing basis.

Helena suggested that a factoid sign might include a photo of Inges Store with a note that George Washington Carver once spent the night there. Mary Joy suggested compiling a list of good factoids.

Preservation Week 2009: Mary Hill suggested one website for all preservation groups to post endangered sites, contacts, etc. Mary Joy said the Preservation Piedmont site has links. Mark said the Historic Resources Committee's site has links also. He said maybe PAPA will help facilitate a coordinated website.

Mark asked about other Preservation Week events. Mary Joy said tales for information would be set up in the Design center. Helena wondered if the 5-year old Tour Book was still usable. Mary Joy said all her copies have been distributed; that people really like them.

Ingrid suggested giving them away, or reducing the price. Mark said the initial goal was to sell them to raise funds for updates. We should have books on the table and a coffee can for donations.

Mary Joy will check with Steve Meeks on getting more books.

Mary Joy discussed publicity for the week, and noted its importance. They are trying to get the Governor to attend. Helena suggested asking Periello also.

Mark asked about a Court Square event to broaden the group of people involved, not just those already motivated and involved. Helena said it would take planning, and perhaps we could get started on an event for next year.

Mark suggested PAPA should consider moving the event to later in the year when the weather is more predictable.

Other:

Helena said we need an annual plan for the next 12-month period. She suggested expanding educational activities we are involved in: Factoid bus posters; Transit Station exhibits; Other kinds of educational events; Something in connection with Sacajawea.

Ingrid mentioned an event of the Fairfax County Historical Society with vendors that people paid to attend. She thought an idea like that could work here, and should be suggested for the future.

Mark said he would like to know how to be more involved and how to submit an idea to the PAPA committee.

Committee Leader Reports:

Education and Public Meetings:

Public Commemoration:

Sacajawea Marker: Mary Joy is working on getting the sign ordered. Mark thought the celebration should happen as soon as possible, and not wait for nicer weather. The Music Resource Center was suggested as a venue.

McGuffey Marker: Mary Joy will contact Steven Meeks regarding having the McGuffey Marker revisions for the January meeting.

Burley School Marker: April is doing research, which should be ready to discuss at the January meeting.

Displays in Transit Station: Helena and April completed the post cards exhibit in November. Helena presented a list of suggested future topics, including Frances Brand portraits, Edward Coles, and Baseball in Charlottesville.

She also suggested an exhibit on porches. Everyone should start collecting examples of porches. Ingrid suggested getting the UVA art department involved, possibly designing a poster, "Porches in Charlottesville."

Mary Hill and Melanie volunteered to work on the next Transit Station exhibit, which everyone decided would be the Brand portraits. Helena will contact Stephen Meeks to see what photos are available. Mary Joy suggested displaying a contemporary photograph of the subjects next to the portrait paintings.

For the April display coinciding with Preservation Week, it was decided to do a positive display of the Fifeville National Register District.

Publications:

Special Projects:

Other Business:

The next meeting will be Monday, January 12 at 11 a.m. in NDS Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm