

**Historic Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 2008  
Basement Conference Room  
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Mark Beliles, Winston Churchill Gooding, Mary Hill Caperton, Melanie Miller  
Members absent: Genevieve Keller, Helena Devereux, Steven Meeks  
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala, April Johnson

**Discussion of June 2 minutes:** Mary Hill wanted to make the correction that she was not the one who mentioned the Sacajawea image was a reproduction of a coin and also pointed out typos in the text. In the public commemoration section Mary Hill gave clarity to the public relations comment. She called The Hook, C'ville and the Daily Progress to get the last exhibit at the transit center on their calendar...they said they would do it. Mary Hill asked if anyone saw it. Mark moved to approve the June minutes and Mary Hill second the motion. The minutes of June 2 were approved.

**Discussion of July 7 minutes:** Mark wanted to make corrections on credit for ideas. In the publications section it was Steven, not Mark who was interested in creating pamphlets of mapped local markers, who mentioned the Visitor's Center suggestion to make a more compact walking tour guides, and had the idea for a pod cast walking tour. In the Special Projects section the last paragraph should notate that Steven wants to gather interested parties to form a committee to organize the commemoration of the Centennial Civil War-2011. Mary Hill moved to approve the minutes; Melanie seconded the motion, The minutes of July 7 were approved.

**Session Topic for Preservation Week 2009**

Mark suggested we go ahead as a committee and decide on a topic for Preservation Week (PW). Mark asked for dates of PW. Per Mary Joy PW is April 3-11, 2009 Friday-Saturday. Preservation Piedmont is the organizer for PW. UVA is sponsoring the PAPA annual fall event. Garrett Hall will be open at the gathering and each group will have a representative talk about what their topic will be for Preservation Week.

After reviewing the list of topic ideas Melanie suggested the third item "Hold a class that gives an expert's introduction to the Virginia and Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Programs". Mary Joy and April mentioned attending one in other cities where someone from the State Historic Resources Dept. would host a presentation educating. Mary Hill questioned whether we have the resources or expertise to successfully organize the workshop. Who do we know locally? Could someone from BAR have the expertise to present? The committee moved on to other ideas that are more feasible.

Mary Joy brought up the idea of historic neighborhood markers or city bus ads. Mark thought the neighborhood marker was a good idea and that the committee should form a working committee to organize the event. Mark asked if anyone was interested in gathering information for the bus signs/ad process. Mark said signs on the bus would have trinkets of historical information about Charlottesville written on them. Mary Hill volunteered to take on the initial information gathering process. Mary Joy suggested Mary Hill talk to CTS. Mary Joy also suggested the possibility of having signs/ads on both the outside of the bus and inside. Mark mentioned the committee should consider a graphic designer and associated costs. He knows someone the committee could use.

Melanie volunteered to research the idea of neighborhood markers. She said she could contact neighborhood associations about the idea and content of the marker. Mark mentioned that the markers

would not include history about the neighborhood but to simply mark the area to provide a sense of place. Mary Hill asked how we choose which intersection to locate the marker. Mary Joy commented that it may be better to just mark the national register districts; or, the signs could be more generic: "Entering historic Venable neighborhood." Mark suggested the committee could do a walk through and recommend where signs could be located. Mary Joy suggested Melanie talk to Jim Tolbert. Jim is working on historic district street signs. Mary Joy suggested Melanie use the map that April used for Jim to identify intersections. April will get a copy from Jim Herndon and give to Melanie. Melanie also had the idea to go to the Federation of Neighborhood Associations (FNA) where Bruce O'Dell is President and meets with neighborhood association presidents. April suggested that Melanie let presidents know ahead of time before the federation meeting so that presidents can relay the idea to its neighbors in case of comments and ideas they'd like to contribute. Everyone agreed the meeting with FNA was a good idea.

Mark had another idea to host a common gathering/celebration of PAPA participants under big tent/pavilion or court square. All groups can be represented there to provide information and/or celebrate(?). Mark will look into this and attend the next PAPA meeting in September and speak to Justin Sarafin. Per Mark if we could hold this event at Court Square we could incorporate the old jail.

Mark suggested looking into signage on buses or in neighborhoods that could be in place by that event – coordinate the bus signs with event posters. We should ask genie to work on topics for the signs.

### **Committee Leader Reports:**

#### Education and Public Meetings:

Public Commemoration: Mark asked if text have been submitted for the markers. Per Mary Joy McGuffey has been submitted, however the two Pen Park markers (Harvie & Gilmore) will need copies of their text source. Mark will provide copies of the source.

For Sacajawea, we decided to search locally. Mary Joy, Helena, Genevieve and April went to the site of the proposed Sacajawea marker to measure and get an idea of the size. The group also viewed surrounding historic markers and Mary Joy determined cast bronze or aluminum would be best to withstand weather. Per April, local sign makers also said that granite will not hold etched photo and it would be best to use bronze or stone for etched image we want to incorporate in the marker. April mentioned also that Rozina George confirmed the image was okay for us to use. The painting was crafted by their group. Rozina forwarded an alternative image with Sacajawea in a sitting position holding her baby; she requested we use this image instead. April requested quotes from Classic Signs and Gropen and have not heard back. Mary Hill suggested she knew another local sign maker we could contact. April asked if the Sacajawea marker is to have its dedication ceremony on Columbus Day in October. Per Mark we will not have an official dedication at this time.

#### Publications:

#### Special Projects:

Other Business: Mark asked if changing the meeting time from first Mondays of the month to second or third something the committee wanted to consider. Most agreed second Mondays would be better. Starting next month, September the committee will meet on second Mondays.

Winston commented on the Burley School on Rose Hill Drive submission for state register. This is still being considered per Mary Joy. The Burley text will be recirculated for the next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm**