

**Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2009
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

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

The meeting called to order at 11:05am.

Steven distributed the Jackson P. Burley High School marker language.

Approval of January 12th minutes:

Steven noted that his name was spelled wrong on page 2.

Helena suggested striking out the sentence, "Per Gennie the committee should avoid..."

Steven moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Melanie second. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mark proceeded with the meeting agenda.

Education and Public Meetings:

Preservation Week

Ingrid asked when the brochure would be available and if people will be attending from other areas of the state. Ingrid stated they should emphasize that this is still an intact city.

Mark asked the committee if anyone wanted to put together the display, such as tour books, photos of markers, factoid poster.

Mary Joy should get for the committee members the Preservation Piedmont email address for Preservation Week "This Place Matters" photos.

Ingrid asked about tickets for Preservation Week.

Mary Joy said most events are free and will email the committee schedule.

Helena might be able to help with the display.

Steven asked about access to an easel, table or table top display. Information for the tables will need to be assembled by the March meeting.

Someone asked if factoids will be up by Preservation Week and whether they can be posted on public bulletin boards.

Mark will try and get the walking tour brochure printed by April 3rd. Mark and Steven will work on it together.

Melanie distributed a list of factoids for review. Helena also had a few factoids for review.

Ingrid commented on a fact that UVA Students hid a jackass in a pavilion during the Civil War.

Helena's Facts:

1. Booker T. Washington was a frequent visitor at Inges Store. (now a restaurant)
2. The Old Jail was still in use for many years when Mr. Huja first came to town in 1970. It was built about 1876 and use continued until 1974.
3. The Fry Spring Gas Station has celebrated more than 75 birthdays.
4. Charlottesville's first skyscraper was built in 1919 as the First National Bank building. It is now Wachovia Bank on the downtown pedestrian mall.

Mark and Steven will ask artists for templates for factoids.

A question was asked about how many factoids could be posted at one time on the buses.

Melanie will work on factoids. Helena will also work on factoids but will be out of town at the end of February.

Public Commemoration:

Historic Markers

Burley Marker

- Steven circulated his version of language for the marker.
- Winston stated that the teacher's curriculum was needed. Felt the previous version was better and this version misses the original idea.

Potential alumnae contacts for language insights are...

Marcia Howard-was a student and now the principal of Burley Middle School

Alicia Lugo

Sheriff Cornelia Johnson

Steven will meet with Ms. Howard since she will also have to agree with the marker location.

Mary Joy will circulate Winston and Steven's version.

Transit Station

Per Helena she is working on gluing captions for the transit station Charlottesville Municipal Band exhibit scheduled to be up this week.

Next exhibit topics could be the Fifeville Neighborhood or Old Jail. The Fifeville topic could be too controversial still at this time, however, Melanie and Mark liked the idea of the Old Jail. They felt it needs advocacy. Helena also thought it could help bring attention to the exhibit.

Steven stated that he has all the photos of the Frances Brand collection. The Daily Progress is doing a story on it. He encourages Helena to talk to Nancy O'Brien or Virginia Daugherty.

Winston suggested putting churches on the list of future displays.

Helena commented that her neighbor said that Warrenton had an old jail now used as a historical society and museum.

(Melanie left the meeting early)

Per Steven the City will need to cite the County for the lack of jail maintenance.

Other Business:

Mark will miss the next three meetings.

Goals For Next Meeting:

Per Mark we can put jail on the March agenda.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 9th at 11 a.m. in NDS Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm