

**Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2010
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Mark Beliles, Helena Devereux, Mary Hill Caperton, Steven Meeks, Melanie Miller (arrived late)

Members absent: Ingrid Smyer-Kelly, Winston Churchill Gooding, Genevieve Keller

Guests: Tom Hughes, Richard Thrift

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Mark Beliles, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2009

Helena Devereux - P. 1, Change Tom Hughes to a guest.

Information exchange, not brain d ?

P. 2, Misspellings: S. Meeks, not I. Meeks; Teresa, not Teresea; O'Brien, not O'Brian.

P. 3, ACHS can archive displays for HRC.

Steven Meeks – Moved for approval with corrections.

Mary Hill Caperton – 2nd

Passed unanimously with corrections.

2. Elect Chair or Co-Chairs

Helena Devereux - Put off until February – someone ask Melanie Miller?

Steven Meeks – I'm happy with the current arrangement also (Beliles and Devereux)

Mark Beliles – Co-Chair arrangement is a good one. I'm willing to continue. Team leadership is good.

There was discussion about having Helena Devereux and Melanie Miller as Co-Chairs.

Helena Devereux will ask Melanie Miller.

Mary Hill Caperton asked about the list of names collected at the last PAPA meeting (regarding possible new committee members). Mary Joy said she will bring it to the next meeting.

Helena Devereux asked about Winston Gooding. Mary Joy has been in touch by mail.

Mark Beliles asked if others wanted to postpone the Chair decision until next meeting, after Helena Devereux has talked with Melanie Miller. He said he is willing to step aside (so Devereux and Miller can be Co-Chairs).

Steven Meeks – Suggested hearing from Richard Thrift before discussing annual plan.

2. (a) McGuffey School National Register Plaque

Richard Thrift discussed options for plaques, and differences in cost. He preferred a red background, 12" x 15" in size. He said it would cost approximately \$408.

Steven Meeks asked where it would be placed on the building.

Richard Thrift said under the portico by the double doors. He said the website is Franklin Bronze Plaques.com

Mark Beliles asked if there were any examples downtown. He asked how many other National Register buildings are owned by the City.

Mary Hill Caperton moved to use some of the Committee's money that has not been used in a while to fund at least half the cost of this plaque.

Mark Beliles said it would be good to find out what other resources are listed, especially public properties.

Steven Meeks is willing to have the Committee fund the entire amount.

Melanie Miller agrees.

Mary Hill Caperton is willing to amend her motion.

Mark Beliles agreed the Committee should fund the whole amount if it is not bright red, but maroon.

Richard Thrift said perhaps you could do the same thing for Jefferson School (also National Register and City-owned.)

Mark Beliles said Mary Joy should look into the installation.

Mark Beliles asked to discuss again the Co-Chair proposal with Melanie, who had arrived at the meeting.

Steven Meeks moved to make Helena Devereux and Melanie Miller Co-Chairs for 2010.

----- seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

3. 2010 Annual Plan

We should get started on City-owned National Register properties. What is already a landmark requiring a plaque?

Helena Devereux – Maybe you are talking about a new item “b” under # 1 (Make up possible list for state and local markers).

Melanie Miller – saw a categorized list of proposed markers a couple meetings ago.

Mary Hill Caperton – We need to spend money this year.

Melanie Miller – It would make sense to get a standard format and redo existing plaques that are worn.

Steven Meeks – We need an inventory. [It is on the website].

Mark Beliles – Look at list of committees; see who wants to work on each one.

Helena Devereux - #11 needs attention. (Expand committee membership).

Mary Hill Caperton – What about Richard Thrift?

Melanie Miller – Lydia Brandt?

Mark Beliles – Let’s invite him.

Steven Meeks – I don’t understand # 6 (A public event).

Mark Beliles – We need public events.

Helena Devereux - # 1,2,3,11 (Markers, transit station display, bus posters, expand committee membership) are top priority. Next meeting pick up those ideas.

Mary Hill Caperton - # 10 (support PAPA organization) is a given.

Melanie Miller – Beth Meyer is running Preservation Week this spring – she got an NEA grant.

Mark Beliles – We need the date so we can participate in a significant way. [April 9-17]

Helena Devereux – We might want an event to dedicate plaques.

Mary Hill Caperton - #9 (Commemoration of McIntire legacy) could coincide with highway marker, school, art show, etc.

Mark Beliles – Is someone else working on McIntire?

Steven Meeks – Commemoration of 250th anniversary of Charlottesville is being planned.

Mary Hill Caperton – An event could be held in the park, or near his sculpture or at the school.

Mark Beliles – Next month we need good proposals.

Mary Hill Caperton – TV loop at public event. Shows photos of public spaces – Martha Jefferson house. Parks, sculpture – things McIntire was involved with.

Mark Beliles – Any plans for 250th?

Steven Meeks – Mayor suggested plans but no funding.

Mark Beliles – This committee could work on 250th anniversary plan. I would like to work on a public event.

Mary Hill Caperton – I was getting McIntire and McGuffey confused. We should do an event at McGuffey School when the plaque comes in.

Melanie Miller – Good news – Jim Tolbert sent photo from Columbus, GA historic signage. He said it would only cost \$6,000 to change every sign in a historic district.

Mark Beliles – We could do some each year.

Melanie Miller – If we have \$20,000 in our account, it's a viable project meeting our mission statement.

Helena Devereux – Suggest instead walking tour booklet or maps. I have reservations about brown signs. Do they convey information?

Mark Beliles – We talked about having signs at entrance to district neighborhoods, but difficult to identify. I am interested in the Old Jail.

Steven Meeks is on the County's committee – the only "citizen."

Mary Hill Caperton – Maybe you (Mark) should call the County.

Steven Meeks – There needs to be communication between this group and the County committee.

Mark Beliles – How do we make an offer?

Steven Meeks – Contact Ron Lilley.

Mary Joy Scala – Contact Bob Tucker?

Mark Beliles – I would want to represent this committee.

Adjourned 12:17 PM.