

MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday December 13, 2010 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Mary Hill Caperton
Helena Devereux
Mark Beliles
Steven Meeks

Mary Joy Scala, Staff

Members Absent:

Ingrid Smyer-Kelly
Genevieve Keller
Winston Churchill Gooding
Melanie Miller

1. Call to order and agenda changes

Helena Devereux called the meeting to order at 11:03, and introduced a guest, Edwina St. Rose.

2. Approval of Minutes – November 8, 2010

After some needed corrections were addressed, and Mark Beliles arrived (11:10) to complete a quorum (4 members), the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) Steven Meeks noted there would be a meeting at noon of the Anniversary Committee. It is the first gathering of the 26 people that Council appointed. Steven Meeks, Mark Beliles, and Nancy Damon are Co-Chairs. Mark Beliles said they were being asked, what is the content we want to communicate; what stories need to be told? There would be a signature organizing event at the end of 2012, and they would collaborate with other organizations and other events throughout the year. Steven Meeks said they are interested in a legacy project that would have a lasting presence in the community.

Helena Devereux said to put the 250th Anniversary on January's agenda for an update.

**4. Public Commemoration
Transit Center Display**

Helena Devereux said that Jessica Casey (intern) got the McIntire display up last week, and it is very nice and very professional looking.

There is no plan for the next display. We need to set up a schedule of 5-6 per year.

Steven suggested a year-long theme, such as the 250th Anniversary for 2012. For 2011 he suggested Charlottesville's historic districts.

Mary Hill Caperton asked staff to email a list of the districts. Standard language explaining what the districts mean could be used in every display. The display could include a history of each district.

Mark Beliles suggested that local markers could also tie into this theme.

Markers

Jefferson School National Register marker – Mary Hill Caperton said that staff should email the committee an estimate for the marker and get it done. Ask Genevieve Keller what color marker is preferred. Mary Hill Caperton suggested spending \$550 without coming back to the Committee for approval. Steven Meeks seconded the motion, which carried, 4-0.

Gilmer State markers – Helena Devereux said she needs to discuss the Harvie marker with Mark Beliles. Mary Hill Caperton moved to proceed with the Gilmer marker to Department of Historic Resources. Steven Meeks seconded the motion, which carried, 4-0. Mark suggested that the marker should be placed on Rio Road, at the entrance to Pen Park. Second choice would be in the park itself.

5. Publications

Walking Tour brochure

Genevieve Keller is supposed to be reviewing the text.

6. Special Projects

Old Jail Update

Steven Meeks said plans to transfer the Old Jail to the ACHS have stalled out.

7. Other Business

Annual Plan

Staff was asked to send the annual plan out to the Committee by email.

New Members

Helena Devereux will call Edwina to see if she is willing to serve on the committee, and will also call Melanie to ask her if she has other suggestions for names.

Mark Beliles and Steven Meeks left to attend the 250th Anniversary meeting.

8. Goals for next meeting

Election of officers

Annual Plan

250th Anniversary update

Historic district displays

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04.