

MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday March 14, 2011 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
2nd Floor Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Mark Beliles
Mary Hill Caperton
Helena Devereux
Genevieve Keller
Steven Meeks
Melanie Miller

Members Absent:

Ingrid Smyer-Kelly
Winston Churchill Gooding
Edwina St. Rose
Mary Joy Scala, Staff

1. Call to order and agenda changes

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:10.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2011

Mary Hill Caperton moved approval and Steven Meeks seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously (6-0) after an addition by Helena Devereux about the site of the Gilmer marker.

3. Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) – Steven gave an update about the Time Capsule. Suggestions were made to include restaurant menus and a CAT map. Mark Beliles talked about the work groups.

4. Public Commemoration

Transit Center Display

Mary Hill reported the next exhibit will be West Main Street to coincide with Preservation Week. Interns are preparing the exhibit.

Markers Update

- Jefferson School National Register marker – will work with new owners of the Jefferson once the title is transferred.
- McGuffey State marker – JMRL is receptive to the new marker being placed near their new bike rack. Concern that sign does not say where the referenced church stood. Mark moved that we recommend adding that the church was located at the “SE corner of 2nd Street NE and Market Street.” Seconded by Genevieve Keller. Approved by a 6-0 vote.
- Gilmer State marker - Mary Joy Scala and Helena still need to look at a location. Mark still needs to submit a third source. All will communicate with Mary Joy.

5. Bus Posters

Melanie Miller shared historic images of West Main Street. Steven suggested she be allowed to determine which ones to use in the buses based on her ability to gather and prepare content for them.

6. Publications

Reprinting Walking Tour Brochure

Genevieve is still working on revisions. Not being a “Word” document has hindered editing process. Discussion included need for design work for the new “rack card” format. Melanie offered to take new photos. Committee members will meet at County Court House on March 22 at 3:30 to walk the tour and discuss possible content changes based on that tour. Mark will send out a pdf of the current walking tour.

7. Special Projects

Old Jail Update

Steven Meeks had reported that the jail will be open by arrangement with Albemarle County for preservation week. He will give a talk on the jail at City Space on March 31 at noon to be followed by a tour. The Historical Society will offer limited tours as part of its walking tour program. This will be an example of an un-restored building. Social Hall will be opened as an example of a building under renovation and the Charlottesville Hardware building will be an example of a completed project. The County’s Historic preservation Committee is working on these.

8. Goals for next meeting

Defer further discussion of Rules of Procedure until next month when Mary Joy could be present. Issues at hand were procedure of City appointment process, i.e. applications and qualifications. There was a desire that City Council could be advised of the type of candidate that would benefit the committee.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

Submitted by Steven G. Meeks