

**MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Monday June 13, 2011 \* 11:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street**

**Members Present:**

Edwina St. Rose  
Mary Hill Caperton  
Steven Meeks  
Helena Devereux  
Mark Beliles  
Melanie Miller  
Winston Churchill Gooding

**Staff:**

Mary Joy Scala  
Kristin Rourke  
Omar Winstead

**Members Absent:**

Genevieve Keller  
Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

1. Call to order – Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05.
2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for March 14, 2011 (Amendments to the March minutes: full name should be listed each time a name is first noted) These minutes are accepted with amendments. Minutes for April 11, 2011 approved, and Minutes for May 9, 2011 approved.
3. Education & Public Meetings  
Update: Charlottesville's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2012) (Mark Beliles and Steven Meeks) – Steven announced that the logo was chosen and handed out pins with the new logo. He also announced the plan of the committee to host four events: 1) Burial of a new time capsule 2) Ceremonial event for founder's day in November 3) At the end of April – Virginia Festival of History (and Preservation?) 4) Music Festival later in the summer.
4. Public Commemoration  
Transit Center Displays – Kristin Rourke announced that the Ridge Street exhibit had gone up. The next will be Rugby Road/Corner Historic Districts. Kristin also explained the new schedule for the following exhibits and that Gordon Avenue Library has agreed to display the old West Main, Ridge Street, and Rugby/Corner exhibits starting at the end of July. She also announced that the Mid-Town Street Fair will show the West Main and Ridge Street exhibits in September. These exhibits may also be reused in some format for the Celebrate 250 events.

**Markers Updates**

McGuffey State marker – Mary Joy Scala needs to check with Maurice Jones for permission on the placement.

Gilmer State marker – Helena Devereux and Mary Joy are still going to Pen Park to check the exact location that would be the best for the marker.

Historic Marker Inventory – Steven Meeks suggested an inventory of historic markers. This inventory will look at how visible the markers are and see the condition they are in. He also suggested looking at regilding the current black granite city markers.

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure: A new draft of text, new map, new photos are ready to be sent to the graphic designer, according to Kristin. The text will be sent out to the committee members for final edits.

6. Special Projects

Old Jail update – (Steven) Contractors are doing estimates, should be ready as a proposal by August

Audio Tour update – (Kristin) HRC agreed to fund through 2012. Kristin discussed she is working on matching a narrator to each site

7. Other Business

Charlottesville research group – Kristin is putting together a group

The possibility of doing another public event was suggested by Mary Hill and all agreed to begin considering ideas for public events to give exposure to the work that the HRC does.

8. Goals for next meeting

9. Adjourn – adjourned at 12:13.

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee achieves its mission through:

- Education
- Public commemoration (historic plaques, signs, markers, and civic festivals and ceremonies)
- Publications (maps, brochures, tour books, and digital media)
- Public meetings (planning sessions, workshops, and lectures)
- And through other means.

## 2011 Annual Plan

- 1) Make up possible list for state and local markers.
    - a. Develop themes: Early settlement, Civil Rights, Education – so we can relate markers to them.
    - b. Collaborate with 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.
  - 2) Continue Transit Station exhibits throughout the coming year. Explore dividing larger space with another organization.
  - 3) Continue bus posters – pause mid year to evaluate the project.
  - 4) Continue Cooperation with and support of ACHS effort to develop a plan for the Old Jail.
    - a. Interest in jails and jail conditions – create coalitions and have displays at the Jail
    - b. Discuss possibility of doing a jail-related legacy project with 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
  - 5) Improve visibility of historic neighborhoods
    - a. Put something on HRC website that shows the different National Register districts – link map on our website to each page.
    - b. Consider changing the street signs to brown would make people aware.
    - c. Consider ordering National Register plaques for all our districts.
  - 6) Plan events to include the public
  - 7) Walking tour booklet with historic areas identified on the maps
  - 8) Keep the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Charlottesville in mind when planning other items.
  - 9) Continue to support PAPA organization.
  - 10) Expand committee membership. \*\*
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### Historic Resources Committee 2010 Committee List

- a. Education and Public Meetings  
*(Mark Beliles, Chair; also Mary Hill Caperton, Genevieve Keller, and Ingrid Smyer-Kelly)*  
Special events: Spring Preservation Week; 250<sup>th</sup> Charlottesville Anniversary in 2012;  
Annual fall Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance (PAPA) gathering of preservation groups
- b. Public Commemoration  
*(Co-chairs Genevieve Keller and Helena Devereux; also Melanie Miller, Mary Hill Caperton and Winston Churchill Gooding)*  
Historic markers and plaques  
Transit Station Display, bus posters, and other exhibits
- c. Publications  
*(Mary Hill Caperton, Chair; also Steven Meeks)*  
HRC Web page, digitize City Landmark Survey  
*Walking tour booklets*
- d. Special Projects  
*(Helena, Chair; also Steven Meeks, Winston Churchill Gooding, Mark Beliles)*  
Old Jail