

MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday July 11, 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

Members Absent:

Genevieve Keller

1. Call to order – Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:09.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2011 – The minutes will be reworked and submitted for approval again next month.
3. Education & Public Meetings
Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) (Mark Beliles, Steven Meeks, Edwina St. Rose) – Mark reported that the Festival of History is in development. He mentioned that the Celebrate 250 Committee would like any of the interested HRC members to volunteer – either to help with an event or a project. Specifically, they need someone to write the history of the city in a program, volunteers for the History Festival and volunteers for November 12th (Founder's Day). Steven and Edwina explained the two exhibits that will be part of Celebrate 250 – a compilation of the transit center exhibits on the historic districts of Charlottesville and a Then and Now photo exhibit. Celebrate 250 will also host an event on December 31st along with First Night Virginia. Mary Hill Caperton suggested asking the public for old home movies to show at the Film Festival. Melanie suggested engaging the schools with a history storyteller.
4. Public Commemoration
Transit Center Displays – Kristin Rourke has been working on the Rugby/Corner exhibit.

Markers Updates
Historic Marker Inventory – Kristin has surveyed roughly a dozen of the markers and will continue to record their locations and conditions. Mary Joy Scala brought up the missing marker on Number Nothing which was previously thought to mark the site of slave auctions. Mary Hill suggested the possibility of a state marker to indicate this site. Steven and Mark both responded that the site was not unique enough to merit a state marker. It was also suggested that the current Vinegar Hill marker be moved to a new more prominent location. Steven suggested having the markers currently in poor condition fixed before the 250th. Kristin will continue to inventory and look into ways of fixing deteriorated signs.

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure: A new draft of text, new map, and new photos were sent to the graphic designer, according to Kristin. The designer sent back an estimate of \$425 for her services and will continue to work on a layout that will be ready to print by the end of the month. Kristin will scope out the printing costs and continue to provide updates throughout the month.

6. Special Projects

Audio Tour update – Kristin has recorded seven out of thirteen narrators for the tour. She presented several options for rack cards and signs and a design for the final sign and final rack card was approved.

7. Other Business

8. Goals for next meeting

Maplewood Cemetery will be putting a state marker sign up – Melanie asked if anyone would like to be involved in writing it.

All the cemeteries need signage so the HRC could be involved in this. Mark suggests these be in the style of the past markers (dark granite with gold lettering).

The historic districts need signage. Kristin will work on coming up with design ideas for next meeting.

9. Adjourn – adjourned at 12:10.

NOTE: You can ask at the NDS front desk to have your Market Street Parking Garage ticket stamped.

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 250th 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 250th 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 250th 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; 250th 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