

Minutes
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday November 14, 2011 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Melanie Miller
Helena Devereux
Edwina St. Rose
Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff:

Mary Joy Scala

Members Absent:

Mary Hill Caperton
Steven Meeks
Mark Beliles

Leave of Absence:

Genevieve Keller

1. Call to order – Melanie Miller called to order at 11:05
2. Approval of Minutes – Helena Devereux moved to approve, with an explanation of “Founder’s Day.” Winston Churchill Gooding seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Education & Public Meetings

Melanie Miller asked Edwina St Rose for an update. She said the History Festival date has changed to last week in May (Saturday May 26- Sunday June 3. There will be a memorial ceremony led by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) at the confederate cemetery near the UVA cemetery to honor the soldiers interred there. The time capsule will be unearthed on Sunday May 27. The official ceremony to commemorate the founding of Charlottesville will be held on November 12, at noon, at Court Square.

4. Public Commemoration

Transit Center Displays – The Woolen Mills exhibit is up in the Transit Center. Ridge Street is at Gordon Avenue library. The West Main Street exhibit is at C-ville Coffee. Everyone agreed that it’s a good idea to display the exhibits around town at multiple venues. Someone suggested putting a suggestion box near the displays to get feedback.

Markers Updates

McGuffey marker and Gilmer marker – in process.

Estimates for repairs to small granite markers – Kristin submitted estimates from three companies to create new brass markers to replace the older markers that have very small gilded text that has faded and is difficult to read. There was discussion about how much the existing text should be amended. Consensus was to keep as much text as possible, because it is interesting. Melanie Miller asked

Helena Devereux to work on marker re-wording/editing. Some have errors; some thoughts need to be expressed differently. Everyone was asked to bring their proposed changes to the next meeting for discussion. Staff will re-send the text for all eight markers. Staff will also ask Charlene Greene if her group wants to work with the Historic Resources Committee on a new Vinegar Hill marker. Melanie Miller asked if Kristin Rourke could investigate why the lower price from Artistic Bronze? Edwina St. Rose pointed out a website that tells how big the font can be on each size plaque.

Bus Posters – Melanie Miller said she did not meet as planned. She will find out the cost of putting an ad of the bus posters in the three Charlottesville papers to get more exposure for them. Edwina ST. Rose suggested making sure the posters are on the City’s website. Staff will ask Ric Barrick if the City has a Facebook page, and to put the posters on that.

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure – Helena Devereux requested that someone check on how many brochures were printed the last time, and how long the supply lasted. She made a motion to approve printing 10,000 brochures, provided there is no discouraging information about the previous printing. Edwina St. Rose seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Special Projects

Audio Tour update – The signs are up, except at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The next step is a press conference in conjunction with the Celebrate 250 folks.

Cemetery Conservation – It was decided that a cemetery committee would meet at noon following the December 12 Historic Resources Committee meeting to discuss promoting the preservation of the City cemeteries.

7. Other Business

Edwina St. Rose said that Cville Coffee is interested in hosting monthly meetings that focus on different neighborhoods. February is scheduled to be West Main Street. Edwina will ask them if they would like to host the Woolen Mills neighborhood in January, with the Committee’s assistance.

8. Goals for next meeting

Have suggested edits ready by the December meeting.
Prepare to stay after the regular meeting for a cemetery discussion.
Discuss the 2012 Annual Plan in December.

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 12:02