

MINUTES
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday April 11, 2011 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
Basement Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Edwina St. Rose
Mary Hill Caperton
Helena Devereux
Genevieve Keller
Steven Meeks
Subbing for Mary Joy: Kristin Rourke (Intern)

Members Absent:

Ingrid Smyer-Kelly
Winston Churchill Gooding
Mark Beliles
Melanie Miller
Mary Joy Scala, Staff

1. **Call to order and agenda changes**
Helena Devereux called the meeting to order at 11:03a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
March 14, 2011 (minutes were not available)
3. **Education & Public Meetings**
Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) (Mark Beliles and Steven Meeks) – Logo open contest not successful, according to Steven. There have been only two submissions.

4. **Public Commemoration**

Transit Center Displays –

West Main Street- This display is up. The Ridge Street display will go up sometime in May.

Ridge Street historic district- Should go up before Jessica Casey (intern) leaves.

Other suggestions for topics were made including: The old jail, having a guest curator – Steve Trumbull who does the Charlottesville Then and Now site. In the end, it was suggested that we stick with the historic district theme for the next exhibit: Fry Spring, Star Hill, or Vinegar Hill.

Other suggestions for locations of the display: Helena suggested displaying the exhibit in additional locations. These could include city hall, Gordon Avenue Library or other city libraries, hospitals, schools, store window displays on the mall or CCDC/City Space.

Suggestions for publicity for the exhibit: Have a First Fridays short presentation of each exhibit. Add the exhibit to the list of events in the Hook, Cville, and the Daily Progress. Also talk to the Visitor Center staff and possibly have signage to direct people towards the exhibit. Survey the audience through a suggestions box of other things to cover.

Markers Updates -

McGuffey State marker – Mary Joy Scala was away so there was no update.

Gilmer State marker – Mary Joy was away so there was no update.

Bus Posters – Potentially have some broader distribution for these posters. Melanie Miller will report on the current distribution next meeting

5. **Publications**

Re-printing walking tour brochure (Genevieve) – Kristin Rourke (Intern) will help finish the text filling in edits taken from Helena, Mary Hill, Genevieve and Mary Joy during the practice tour.

6. **Special Projects**

Old Jail update- (Steven) – Good response to Preservation Week tours, fine tune renovation costs, fundraising. There is currently a temporary exhibit up by Kristin. Research will continue for a more permanent exhibit.

7. **Other Business –**

Rules of procedure (a change in this was suggested by Mary Joy) What needs to be done to change this? Does this committee have any role in the proceedings and the selection by the city council?

John West Marker and Dialogue on Race - Kristin is aware that the marker is being written and supplemented the current text with additional research – do they realize that the HRC can pay? Where will this be located? Charlottesville twelve marker – also by race and place. Can the members of this Dialogue on Race Committee attend the meeting? What Civil Rights history existed in Charlottesville? Can we commemorate in ways other than markers, such as oral histories and walking tours?

Cell phone tour Perhaps conduct a city Survey to vote for most historic sites? Use the voices of all sorts of Charlottesville folk to get a good representation of the town – one voice for each of the 10-12 sites. This will be a project Kristin will work on this summer.

8. **Goals for next meeting:**

Transit Center Have a list of eligible new sites for the current exhibit in the Transit Center (Kristin) Have a publicity plan for the transit display (Kristin)

Bus Posters Know the current distribution of the bus posters and suggest other spaces where they could go. (Melanie)

Rules of Procedure The rules of procedure need to be changed in the way Edwina gets appointed by city council. (Mary Joy knows how to do this – take the current list of members and “appoint” them – to city council. Mary Joy will get this on a city council agenda)

Walking Tour brochure update – (Kristin, Genevieve, Steven)

Dialogue on Race – Have a representative specifically someone involved with the John West Marker or the Charlottesville Twelve Marker? (Kristin- email Charlene Green, ask her if she can help out with the markers and also ask her if they need help from the HRC)

Historic Markers Update on the McGuffey and the Gilmer markers from Mary Joy (Do over the Vinegar Hill Marker?)

8. **Adjourn**
Meeting was adjourned at 12:15.