

AGENDA

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Monday September 10, 2012 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon

NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present

Edwina St. Rose
Steven Meeks
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Mary Hill Caperton, Co-Chair
Winston Churchill Gooding

Members Absent

Helena Devereux
Genevieve Keller
Mark Beliles

Staff

Mary Joy Scala
Kristin Rourke
Madeleine Hawks

Guest

Charlene Green

Call to Order

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

Approval of Minutes

Due to lack of quorum, the minutes from the July 9 meeting were not approved at the August meeting. The committee approved minutes for both July 9 and August 13. July 9 minutes: Edwina St. Rose moved approval, with correction of one typo; Mary Hill Caperton seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1. August 13 minutes: Mary Hill Caperton moved approval; Melanie Miller seconded. Motion passed 2-0-3.

Public Commemoration

Historic Marker Inaccuracies: Steven Meeks spoke about the inaccuracy on some of the history banners from the Celebrate 250 events as well as significant flaws on historic markers, especially the wooden marker at the courthouse. The committee voiced a need for thorough fact checking and documentation of sources for all signs that the Historic Resources Committee produces. Kristin Rourke and Madeleine Hawks will begin fact checking markers and distribute the edited versions to the committee for review. Future markers will include source data.

Vinegar Hill Markers: Charlene Green suggested that Vinegar Hill Markers should be consistent in design with the Charlottesville Twelve signs, with black background and gold letters. Mary Joy Scala and Kristin will be contacting sign companies to discuss options for the markers. Madeleine introduced a new map of Vinegar Hill, which could be included on the markers along with text.

Tonsler Marker: Mary Joy proposed a location either in front of the Tonsler home or in front of Tonsler Park. Charlene will speak with Ann Carter, who might be able to provide enough information for the text of the sign.

Bus Posters: The most recent poster is "Gift Horse", which refers to the statue of Robert E. Lee in Lee Park. The posters are prepared and will be dispersed on buses and throughout Charlottesville. Melanie discussed the potential for exterior advertisements to be placed on the trolleys and will pursue that as an option.

Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary – Steven mentioned the upcoming events on the 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Update: *Where I Live* series. The next one is Sunday, September 30th, and will feature Belmont.

Kristin proposed that the Historic Resources Committee host a new audio tour for the Belmont neighborhood featuring the work of Peter Krebs and interviews with residents. Mary Joy suggested that Peter make a presentation to the HRC to discuss funding and options.

Publications

Request from Beth Meyer: Downtown Mall Guidebook – this item was tabled because Beth was not present to speak about the issue. Mary Joy will bring a copy of the guidebook to the October meeting.

Other Business

Goals for Next Meeting:

1. Invite Peter Krebs and Beth Meyer to speak about their projects.
2. Begin fact-checking for the historic markers. Plan to be prepared to order several markers after next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at Noon

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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.