

## MINUTES

### **CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

*Monday October 8, 2012 \* 11:00 am – Noon \* NDS Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street*

#### **Members Present**

Winston Churchill Gooding  
Mary Hill Caperton, Co-Chair  
Edwina St. Rose  
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair  
Genevieve Keller  
Helena Devereux

#### **Members Absent**

Steven Meeks  
Mark Beliles

#### **Staff**

Mary Joy Scala  
Kristin Rourke  
Madeleine Hawks

#### **Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Mary Hill Caperton moved approval to accept the minutes from the September meeting. Melanie Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0-2. Melanie mentioned that the HRC should consider seeking new members to ensure that future meetings have quorums and that membership increases to expand interest.

#### **Public Commemoration**

*Vinegar Hill Markers:* No update yet from Charlene Green regarding the markers.

*Tonsler Marker:* Charlene was going to talk to Ann Carter about this. Mary Joy Scala

*Court Square Markers:* Melanie will send Cinder Stanton's paper about Main Street to help with this project. Genevieve Keller suggested we think about using the notes from this project as a database for research in the future. There may be potential for coordination with the Place Task Force with this project. The suggested marker style is cast bronze, like the slave block marker that was recently placed at Court Square. Madeleine Hawks will continue with research and will present recommended sign themes for the next meeting. The general Court Square marker will be included in this project going forward, as well as the new Corner marker. Kristin Rourke advised that there be some design consistency among all markers in the area. Additional markers will be considered, but noted separately and reviewed as a second tier, after the current markers are replaced. Edwina St. Rose presented a revised version of the Levy Opera House marker.

*The Corner Marker:* The committee suggested that the marker be edited and remaining material should be saved for another marker, for example the Elliewood section. Mary Joy Scala noted that we should ask the sign company to advise on the length of text and size of the font for the signs.

*Bus Posters:* Melanie was told by Transit that the exterior of the buses is only available for for-profit businesses and is not suitable for an advertisement from the HRC. The designer is working on the next interior bus poster.

#### **Education and Public Meetings**

*Charlottesville's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:* Genevieve mentioned that Charlottesville is looking into options for after the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the HRC might be interested in future collaboration. Edwina, Steven Meeks, and Mark Beliles are already on the committee and can report on potential project involvement for the HRC.

*Where I Live Series:* Ridge Street and Fifeville neighborhoods will be combined and will be the featured neighborhood for October 28. North Downtown will be featured on December 16. For the future, a few strategies were suggested – maybe having one event per year where all neighborhoods were invited or sending Kristin Rourke to the neighborhood association meetings to serve as a public history liaison.

## **Publications**

Beth Meyer will attend the meeting in January to discuss the *Downtown Mall Guidebook*.

## **Special Projects**

Cemetery Committee: Kristin introduced a cemetery documentation initiative event to do the first push of documentation incorporating interested volunteers. The goal is to make the information available to the public via the Charlottesville city website.

**Meeting Adjourned at 12:20 pm**