

## MINUTES

### **CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

*Monday September 9, 2013 \* 11:00 am – Noon \* NDS Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street*

#### **Members Present**

Dede Smith  
Helena Devereux  
Winston Churchill Gooding  
Genevieve Keller  
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair  
Edwina St. Rose  
Liz Sargent  
Ellen Wagner

#### **Members Absent**

John Baran  
Mary Hill Caperton, Co-Chair  
Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS  
Evelyn Mason

#### **Staff**

Madeleine Hawks  
Mary Joy Scala

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 AM**

### **NOTICES**

This meeting is Helena Devereux's last meeting, after years of serving on the committee – since its inception.

Committee members noted her attention to detail and accuracy as being an invaluable asset to the committee's work in preservation.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The committee advised several grammatical and wording edits to the minutes. Genevieve Keller moved to approve the August minutes with edits. Ellen Wagner seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved the minutes.

### **PUBLIC COMMEMORATION**

*Benjamin Tonsler Marker:* Mary Joy Scala has been talking with Curtis Morton about the research and design for the marker. Mary Joy suggested that the committee purchase the marker with approved wording. The marker would be attached to a pole in front of the house. The committee discussed the advantages or disadvantages of choosing a marker style that matches the Lane High School markers (black and gold lettering). Dede Smith suggested that a complementing marker would be appropriate for Tonsler Park and that staff might reach out to Parks and Recreation. Helena Devereux suggested that Teresa Price might have additional information about the Tonsler history. Edwina St. Rose also recommended that Gayle Schulman would be a possible contact for historical information. Helena mentioned that there is a potential to create an educational event around the creation and commemoration of the local African American history, particularly related to public education. Liz Sargent suggested that the committee should consider beginning by mapping the resources and studying trends to determine what themes and locations should be addressed either by markers or by other means.

*Court Square Markers:* Madeleine Hawks will send the next marker out for edits this week. After a period of discussion, the committee decided to limit the narrative of the markers by geographical bounds (Court Square location) rather than by time or other themes.

*Bus Posters:* Melanie Miller noted that although the exterior advertising option for buses would be legally possible, there have been obstacles to moving forward on this project. Dede will contact Rich Harris to pursue this

option. Mary Joy will confirm the appropriate options for the bus posters that can be installed inside buses and will test the lamination process if necessary.

*Street Signs:* Madeleine gave an update on the status of the street sign project and plans to order a sample of the pedestrian signs and send color specifications to Steve Lawson so public works may proceed on the brown street sign ordering.

*Kellytown:* Genevieve suggested that we speak with Andrea Douglas and the African American history center take on the project. Genevieve advised that the committee be involved with interpretive potential for the small area plans. This would be a project that is in conjunction with the PLACE task force. This could be a formal relationship between the committee, the task force, and potential consultants. In this way, the committee could be advisory to the projects, which would use their own funding to pursue the interpretive elements.

*Joint HRC and HPC meeting:* The upcoming joint meeting is scheduled for the evening of September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the county office building. This meeting will be an opportunity for the two committees to discuss potentials for working together on future projects.

*PAPA:* The annual gathering will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The HRC is providing refreshments for the event and all members are invited to attend. The focus of the event will be on urban preservation projects.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:01 PM**