

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday May 13, 2013, 2013 * 11:00 am – Noon * NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

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

Staff

Kristin Rourke

Members Absent

Edwina St. Rose	Dede Smith
Steven Meeks	Evelyn Mason
Mark Beliles	Mary Joy Scala (Staff)

Meeting Called to Order at 11:05 am

Approval of Minutes

Genevieve Keller moved to approve the minutes for April. Melanie Miller seconded the motion. Helena Devereux abstained from the vote. The minutes were approved.

Public Commemoration

Court Square Markers: Kristin Rourke gave an update for Madeleine Hawks. The McIntire Park sign printed by Innovative Signs in Florida has arrived as a sample of the new Court Square Markers. There were a couple of comments/concerns voiced about the marker: 1) the logo for the HRC which Madeleine added is not an official approved logo and so might need to be removed 2) the #2 in the center of the photo obscures part of the photo and may not be appropriate 3) the webpage the QR code directs the user to should have a map first thing at the top so that the user can see where this marker fits into the larger scheme 4) The proof of the poster as well as this sample should be shown to each building owner 5) There was some concern of what to do if the owner of a building will not allow the specific content or imagery to be placed on his or her property 6) Print maps of the Court Square area showing locations of markers would be a good idea in the future to have available at the Visitor's Center, ACHS, and other appropriate venues. In addition, the markers will be included online and in a printable PDF format.

Bus Posters: Melanie Miller has contacted the City Attorney to see if the HRC could apply for an exterior bus poster with CAT (because we are not a nonprofit, technically). Mary Joy Scala asked about laminating posters in house and NDS and it seems like a possibility. Kristin will contact the city staff person to ask about laminating current bus posters before the next meeting.

Street Signs: No major update. Still waiting on word from NDS and Jim Tolbert.

Education and Public Meetings

Preservation Week Recap: Events were well-attended, including the keynote address at the Jefferson School by Everett Fly, the 10th and Page Neighborhood walking tour, the Cemetery Preservation discussion panel, and the Hydraulic Mills Bus Tour.

Cemetery Committee: Kristin explained that Melanie had gotten several good estimates for the cost to create a sign similar to the older “wrought iron arched gate” types. It seems expensive, but if we talk to Parks and Recreation about sharing the cost, this could be a good option. The cemeteries are also being nominated as IPPs and should undergo the designation process soon. Kristin will provide a memo summarizing the work of the Committee before leaving.

Other Business

Goodbye to Kristin Rourke: This was Kristin’s last meeting and everyone thanked her for her work. Melanie presented her with a gift (a 6-inch bust of Jefferson with an engraved plaque--- Thanks so much everyone!).

Penn Park and McGuffey Markers: Mary Joy will give an update next meeting.

Audio Tour: Kristin is hoping that she and Madeleine could coordinate the Audio Tour with a local nonprofit – The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative? – so that we could continue to expand the audio tour. The financial and staff support would allow the tour to incorporate tours by other artists and historians and a partnership with an arts organization could encourage further collaboration between art and history groups. There would need to be a formal contract in which the arts organization knows that the audio tour would need to be subject to approval by the City during the process.

Goals for Next Meeting:

- Report for the money available for all the HRC projects
- Status of the McGuffey and Pen Park Markers
- Status of Street Sign Project

Meeting Adjourned at 12:02 pm