

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday July 8, 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
Edwina St. Rose
Liz Sargent
Dede Smith
Liz Sargent

Staff

Madeleine Hawks

Members Absent

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Genevieve Keller, Helena Devereux, and Liz Sargent suggested several corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Genevieve moved to approve the minutes for May, Dede Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with the edits.

NOTICES

Mark Beliles, who served on the Historic Resources Committee since 1998, has resigned from the committee. Mark served as chairman of the HRC from 1999 until 2010.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Court Square Markers: Madeleine Hawks presented the current version of the Sixth Street marker. Helena voiced concern that the Historic Resources Committee logo appears similar to another logo. The committee resolved to continue to use the present design. The committee also discussed that the mention of Sixth Street could be more thorough. In addition, the marker should clarify the differences between past buildings without being redundant in the marker. Madeleine will continue to send the markers out on approximately a weekly basis.

Bus Posters: Melanie will work with the designer to change the local references to the Clarks on the pending bus poster. Melanie is also still working on approval for exterior advertisement space on buses. Dede will work with Maurice Jones to move this project forward.

Street Signs: Madeleine updated the committee on the progress of the street sign replacement. After completing a thorough street sign conditions inventory, Madeleine and Mary Joy met with public works to begin the brown sign replacement. As for the pedestrian-oriented neighborhood signs, Melanie suggested changing to a vertical sign so as to produce signs narrow enough to fit on a standard street sign pole. Madeleine will bring design options for the smaller signs to the next HRC meeting.

Pen Park Marker: Staff will proceed on researching existing text that was written for this marker previously and updating with any additional information.

McGuffey Marker: The committee agreed to approve a future placement for the state marker at the McGuffey Arts Center versus the proposed alternative at the public library. Helena motioned a vote to approve, Dede seconded the motion. All members voted in approval.

Vinegar Hill Markers: Dede announced an update from Andrea Douglas, who voiced skepticism about the future of marking and interpreting historic sites through traditional methods. The Dialogue on Race committee questioned who the audience for the markers will be and where to place the markers to reach the public. Helena mentioned that it might be beneficial to consider social events or other reasons for people coming together rather than only creating markers. Dede mentioned the Visitor Bureau's proposed African American heritage trail in context of this commemoration. In general, the committee agrees there is room for creative collaboration with different groups interested in this history as well as, potentially, the business community. Genevieve suggested that as consultants moved forward on West Main Street corridor plans, they might be able to weigh in on this project with professional design and planning advice. Genevieve also suggested that for major new development projects, staff and the HRC might proactively provide them with the resources and information necessary to incorporate historic information into the design and concept of their new buildings (if they choose).

Benjamin Tonsler Marker: Madeleine will proceed on researching and designing a new marker for 327 Sixth Street SW to commemorate Benjamin Tonsler.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:18 PM