

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Members Present

Edwina St. Rose
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Genevieve Keller

Winston Churchill Gooding
Mary Hill Caperton

Staff

Mary Joy Scala
Kristin Rourke
Madeleine Hawks

Guests:

Evelyn Mason
Peter Krebs
Coy Barefoot

Members Absent

Steven Meeks
Mark Beliles
Helena Devereux

Meeting Called to Order at 11:05 am

Approval of Minutes

Mary Hill Caperton moved to approve the January minutes, Melanie Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the January minutes were approved.

Public Commemoration

African American Pullman Porters Project: Evelyn Mason gave an update of her project. She was able to locate a great amount of information from researcher Evelyn Barbour – including photographs, a list of names, and oral histories. Evelyn Mason is interested in perhaps having a state historic marker outside the train station and/or a local marker inside the train station as a sort of permanent exhibit with photos and more text. Mary Joy Scala and Kristin Rourke will email Evelyn the information they have about both kinds of markers and contact the DHR to see if a state marker would be possible.

Monticello Road Audio Tour: Peter Krebs gave an update on the Audio Tour of Monticello Road, a cell phone-based audio tour with nine stops plus an introduction. Peter read the script for the Monticello Road Extended: Ghost Road clip which will be narrated by Chris Gensic of the Parks Department. Peter also suggested the idea of utilizing a company like OnCell which offers online storage space for audio files. This way we could easily add multiple audio tours to the existing one. Peter gave a quote for the monthly fee for an OnCell account. Kristin will circulate the quote and a link to the OnCell website for the committee to look at before the next meeting.

Special Guest Coy Barefoot's Virginia History Lab: Coy Barefoot spoke about his new non-profit company, the Virginia History Lab. One project of interest to the HRC is the First-Person Project – hundreds of video-taped oral histories featuring all neighborhoods, all walks of life, colors, backgrounds, ages, etc. The project will launch this Spring and continue for around three years. Coy would like to include members of the HRC on his advisory board for the project to help collaborate – locating people to talk with for the interviews mostly. Another project in process will be an online museum to Queen Charlotte. Genevieve Keller suggested this collaboration could be beneficial for us if we could share some of the information and products of these

projects – like audio created for our Audio Tours. Coy agreed this would be possible and Kristin will send him contact info for the committee to keep everyone in touch.

Potential Future Markers: While at the meeting, Coy Barefoot suggested the following locations receive markers at some point in the future: Albemarle Training Academy, Montebello House, Village of Hydraulic and the threatened African American cemetery there.

Historic Court Square Markers: Madeleine Hawks presented the latest version of the McIntire's Park Campaign marker which can be ordered to use as a sample. The marker text will be sent out as a formatted PDF and as just a plain text word file for the HRC to comment on by a certain date before it is ordered. The other markers will gradually be edited and similarly given out to the committee for final comment before being ordered. Genevieve Keller suggested having a group review some of the markers with more "sensitive" subject matter.

Bus Posters: A new Jack Jouett/Swan Tavern poster is printed and ready to submit to CAT. The next poster will feature the Lewis/Clark/Sacajawea sculpture. Melanie Miller presented the design for this new poster and the committee suggested: 1) a QR code for the Audio Tour could be added 2) some minor text edits 3) a photo of the statue that showed Sacajawea more prominently. The next two poster designs were also discussed. For the poster featuring the Albemarle County Courthouse the following was suggested: 1) focusing on a more interesting fact than the interior of the courtroom 2) more catchy title. For the Jackson Park poster: 1) an alternative title.

Education and Public Meetings

Cemetery Committee: This Sunday February 17 will be an event to commemorate the repair of Fairfax Taylor's headstone at Maplewood Cemetery. Kristin Rourke asked the committee if they could pay for food for the reception after the ceremony which will feature speakers Coy Barefoot, Pastor Hamilton of the First Baptist Church on West Main Street and others. The committee voted to give \$50 towards the cost of food and drink for the event.

Special Projects

Other Business

Recruiting new members: Evelyn Mason is interested in joining. Other potential members could be: Peter Krebs or Guy Lopez? We also need to discuss member terms at the next meeting.

Ideas for future events/public forums: Genevieve Keller discussed the idea of having a public forum or panel discussion about public history and interpretation.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 pm