

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Members Present

Mary Hill Caperton, Co-Chair
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Ellen Wagner
Dede Smith
Edwina St. Rose
Liz Sargent
Winston Churchill Gooding

Members Absent

Genevieve Keller
Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS
Evelyn Mason

Staff

Madeleine Hawks

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:04 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December minutes were not prepared in time for the meeting and will be reviewed with the January minutes at the February HRC meeting.

NOTICES

The committee discussed establishing membership roles, for example, a City Council member role.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Historic Markers: The committee discussed overall consistency for historic markers in the future and determined that they should look similar whenever the HRC creates them. Madeleine Hawks will bring photos of different markers to the next HRC meeting so the committee can determine some key guidelines about the look of markers. Madeleine will also bring a print of the Corner marker for the committee to review a final time so that it may be ordered with the Court Square markers.

Bus Posters: Melanie Miller presented the exterior ad options for the CAT buses. Dede Smith will ask for more details from CAT about the details of purchasing an advertisement, particularly regarding routes and possible discounts for City organizations.

Cemetery Signs: Parks and Rec followed up with Mary Joy about what type of sign the HRC recommends for installation at historic cemeteries. Liz Sargent prepared historical summaries of the cemeteries and shared the text, for which the HRC will provide feedback at the next meeting. This text will be edited into a historic marker format and Parks and Rec will install.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Benjamin Tonsler Marker: Madeleine will find out rental details for Tonsler Park and check dates for a spring event for the unveiling ceremony.

OFFICER ELECTIONS & ANNUAL PLAN

The committee unanimously elected Edwina St. Rose and Melanie Miller as Co-Chairs of the HRC for 2014. The committee would like to review previous annual plans and budgets in order to set goals and a budget for 2014 at the February meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Old Jail: Liz suggested that the County is practicing demolition by neglect on the old jail building. She would like to see some action and wondered how the HRC might get involved. The HRC discussed options for potential involvement. Madeleine will contact the ACHS to see if they have any ongoing relationship or plans for the old jail.

Audio Tours on the Trolley: Edwina recommended that the HRC pursue a program to introduce live audio tours on weekend mornings, where volunteers would ride the trolley route and speak about historic properties and stories as the trolley moves between the University and Downtown.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 PM