

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday September 14, 2015 * 11:00 am – Noon*

*NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

Genevieve Keller
Ellen Wagner
Liz Sargent
Dede Smith
Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair

Members Absent

Winston Churchill Gooding
Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS

Additional People

Shelley Sass (joined the meeting at 11:35am)

Staff

Camie Mess
Mary Joy Scala

CALL TO ORDER

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minor corrections were made and Genevieve Keller made the motion, Dede Smith seconded, and the August 10th minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Daughters of Zion:

- Shelly Sass and Liz Sargent went out to the Daughters of Zion and documented the condition of the cemetery and what steps needed to be taken in order to rehabilitate the cemetery, this document will be circulated to the rest of the committee via e-mail.
- Came up with a 4 Phase Plan on rehabilitating the cemetery:
 1. Emergency Stabilization
 2. Community Involvement
 3. Preservation Plan
 4. Long-Term Care and Maintenance
- There was a discussion regarding a dead tree. Genevieve Keller suggested that Mary Joy get in touch with Parks and Rec to see what they can do about the dead tree that is a potential threat to the remaining gravestones.
- There was a discussion about lack of documentation regarding a fence. Lynn Rainville, who has researched the cemetery previously, stated at the community meeting that she did not believe historically there was a fence. However, the committee discussed that there is a written reference in a deed to an “entry gate.” The issue of fencing and a gate need to be researched before any fencing other than the city’s security fencing at the property line are installed.
- The HRC wants to make sure when this is brought to the public it is stressed that the historic characteristic of the cemetery is not changed (i.e. with a fence)

Vinegar Hill:

- Scot French has agreed to help with the markers; he is planning a trip to Charlottesville in mid-October.
- With his facts, this can be re-visited in November

Charlottesville’s Churches:

- No discussion

Court Square Markers:

- Mary Joy heard back from City of Charlottesville attorney's office, and they are working together on getting permission from Albemarle County replacing the large court square marker

Historic Street Signs:

- Melanie is going to e-mail Mary Joy an updated excel sheet

Cemetery Signs:

- Signs have been ordered; Mary Joy will check on their status

The Corner Marker:

- Do they want to replace it?
- Ellen Wagner brought up the point that maybe put it inside the building in a window as opposed to being affixed to the exterior.

African American Trail:

- Edwina St. Rose passed the rack cards around; the brochures are still being made.
- The trail will hopefully be opening beginning Fall 2015.

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.

OTHER BUSINESS

Margaret O'Bryant is interested in joining the Historic Resources Committee.

Motion to vote on the concept of getting Margaret O'Bryant on the committee as an ex-officio member (Passed 6-0, none opposed) (official wording of the by-laws to come)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:07 pm