

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

*Economic Development Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

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

Staff

Camie Mess
Mary Joy Scala
Margaret Stella

Members Absent

Winston Churchill Gooding
Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS

Additional People

Charlene Green
Bernadette Whitsett-Hammond
Maxine Holland

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Genevieve Keller moved to approve both the October and November minutes as amended. Liz Sargent seconded. The minutes were amended and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Daughters of Zion:

- Bernadette Whitsett-Hammond and Maxine Holland joined the meeting for Daughters of Zion progress; they are talking and working with the community. Goal is to present signs to public Memorial weekend.
- Mary Joy suggested beginning by circulating pictures of different fences. Not a fan of chain-linked, iron has maintenance issues as well as stability/durability problems. However, a chain-link fence could provide the immediate protection...current is cut through, so what's to stop them.
- Genevieve Keller suggested coordinating an effort with the Jewish Cemetery and seeing if they are interested in collaborating on a historic marker for their cemetery to match Maplewood, Oakwood, and Daughters of Zion.

Charlottesville's Churches:

- Margaret has continued her research of the downtown churches
- Margaret asked how this information was going to be presented to the public, ideas discussed include markers, a phone app, and a map with church locations.
- Edwina mentioned First Methodist, which has been missing from the research thus far, and suggested expanding past Downtown to include all early churches
 - o Ebenezer to be included in research.
- Include historic photos

Vinegar Hill:

- The HRC is in discussion with Scot French about Vinegar Hill markers

African American Trail:

- Edwina St. Rose shared that the exhibit was up and the brochures are out, and suggested that everyone stops and takes a look at it.

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Historic American Landscape Surveys (HALS) has not been submitted yet, Liz Sargent would like to add in some personal stories of family histories in the area, she would like family histories from Bernadette and Maxine. She will work on finishing it in January

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.

OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:02 pm