

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday April 11, 2016 * 11:00 am – Noon*

*Economic Development Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Margaret O’Bryant
Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair
Liz Sargent
Ellen Wagner
Genevieve Keller

Members Absent

Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS
Bob Fenwick

Staff

Mary Joy Scala
Camie Mess
Margaret Stella

Additional People

Steve Thompson
Dede Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Edwina St. Rose moved to approve the February minutes. Margaret O’Bryant seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

IVY CREEK NATURAL AREA

Steve Thompson came to discuss the Ivy Creek Natural Area.

- There was a general discussion about the natural area and the amount of people visiting on a daily basis. The general question posed is, is there a better way to utilize the house? It is owed by the city and county, and the current tenants are not living up to their caretaking responsibilities.
- Can this house be brought into the overall plan of the Ivy Creek site?
- It has not even been surveyed, would a survey be the first step to seeing how this house can be utilized in a better manner?
- Edwina St. Rose’s idea was to make it something similar to the Anne Spencer house in Lynchburg.
- Liz Sargent suggested expanding the historic building survey to a cultural landscape survey of the area.
- Mary Joy Scala was not sure about how the funding for the survey would be set up, and Edwina St. Rose suggested getting Preservation Piedmont involved.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Daughters of Zion-Rededication Reception:

- Rededication May 29, 2016 at 2pm at the Cemetery, with a reception to follow at Barrett Day Care Center.
- The Preservers of the Daughter of Zion cemetery received the grant for \$80,000 (combined SIA and Parks budget) for a fence, stone repair, and general upkeep.
- Perpetual Fund for the cemeteries (found in January). How can this fund be used for the future upkeep of the cemeteries?

Charlottesville's Churches:

- Margaret Stella passed out a draft for the Charlottesville Sacred Spaces to the committee, and they liked the idea.
- Margaret Stella will be going to the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society, this week to finish the project with Margaret O'Bryant.

Vinegar Hill Park:

- Scot French is going to be here for the May 29th event, and would like to meet with members of the HRC to discuss this project.
- Edwina St. Rose discussed turning the end of the pedestrian mall in front of the Omni, into Vinegar Hill Park/Plaza.
- HRC should send an official letter to City Council about beginning this project. Include it was part of the original Halprin Pedestrian Mall Design.
- Melanie Miller and Edwina St. Roae will draft a letter to city council.
- Mary Joy Scala will speak with Carrie Rainey about getting it put on the PLACE agenda.
- Genevieve Keller will reach out to Beth Meyer about this project.

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

- April 17th, 2016 at 1 - 4 pm, is the Preservation Piedmont walking tour and house tour event in the Fry's Spring Neighborhood. Meet at the Fry's Spring Beach Club at 1pm.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.
- Planning for the PAPA event in October

OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 pm