

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*August 14, 2017 * 11:00 am – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Ellen Wagner
Genevieve Keller
Dede Smith
Madeleine Hawks
Bob Fenwick
Margaret O’Bryant
Liz Sargent

Members Absent

Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair

Staff

Mary Joy Scala - Preservation & Design Planner
Reid Saunders- Preservation Intern

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.. She called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Heather Heyer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Genevieve Keller moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2017, Dede Smith seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Court Square Markers Update:

- Mary Joy Scala introduced changes to the Court Square markers.
- Scala: I would like to get the first marker approved. It is awaiting approval by the County Board of Supervisors because the marker will be located on County property. They asked that the County seal and date of the founding of Albemarle County be added.
- Hawks: Monticello is spelled wrong.
- Keller: I like the new picture- the cars animate it. I would suggest changing the wording of the Women’s Suffrage and Brown v. Board on the timeline.
- There was discussion about using the word, “denizen.”

Melanie Miller moved to approve the Court Square marker with the set of changes. Dede Smith seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Scala: We can go through the markers one by one.
- Hawks: The caption for the photo on marker number 2 should say Emancipation Park.
- Sargent: We should clarify that the photo is of a different park than the one being talked about.
- Scala: maybe the City Beautiful sentence should come first.
- It was decided to first vote on the markers with the fewest changes.

Dede Smith moved to approve markers number 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 with the minor suggested changes. Margaret O’Bryant seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Scala: Starting with marker number 8, Taverns, I have a few suggestions.

Dede Smith moved to approve marker number 8, Bob Fenwick seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Scala: We should move to the by-laws before we run out of time.
- Miller: Can we all stay and extra ten minutes to look at these?
- Hawks: I like the direction that marker number 7 is going
- Scala: I want to reorder the paragraphs on marker number 7
- Miller: That seems more clear.
- O'Bryant: The last sentence needs to change to be more accurate.

Margaret O'Bryant moved to approve marker number 7, Liz Sargent seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Keller: On marker number 2 we should add a couple sentences about the reinterpretation of the downtown parks and monuments and renaming the parks.
- Suggestions for reordering marker number 2 and adding more information were discussed.
- Miller: We can agree to the spirit of these changes and review over email.

Genevieve Keller moved to approve marker number 2 with the suggested changes and pending a final review over email. Dede Smith seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Vinegar Hill Park Wayfinding Signage and Markers Update:
No discussion.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Liz Sargent asked the Committee to comment on a Historic American Landscapes Survey she conducted for Lee Park (Emancipation Park). She will circulate the report by email.

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

OTHER BUSINESS

Amendments to Bylaws

- Scala: In the bylaws we didn't clarify term limits, so it defaulted to the limit found in the City Code. Adding that there are no term limits gives us more flexibility. The new members will start next month.
- Keller: Should we single out the president of ACHS or make that more general?
- Smith: I agree to make it more general.

Liz Sargent moved to approve the bylaw amendments, with changes to 1.G. and 1.J. Dede Smith seconded and the changes were approved unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:35 p.m.