HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE December 8, 1999 – 3:30 P.M. MICHIE ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

- 1. Approval of Minutes
- 2. New State and Local Markers for year 2000
- 3. Status of Court Square Project
- 4. Status Reports
- 5. **Other Business**
- **NOTE:** You can park in the Market Street Parking Garage. Bring your ticket into the office with you to be stamped for two hours free.

HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE November 10, 1999

MINUTES

Present:

Ingred Smyer Kelley Winston Churchill Gooding Mark Beliles Ben Ford Bobbye Cochran Jim Wootton

Also Present:

Satyendra Singh Huja

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of October 13, 1999 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Huja informed the task force that two state historic markers for 1999 will be in place and there will be an unveiling ceremony on December 15, 1999 at 12:00 p.m. at the eastern end of the mall.

Woolen Mills and the Charlottesville General Hospital will be state historic markers for the year 2000. Mr. Beliles and Mr. Wootton will prepare a draft of description by the 24th of November.

The two local markers for next year will be Vinegar Hill and the University Corner. Mr. Beliles will prepare a draft of the text by the 24th of November.

Mr. Huja informed the group that a draft contract for the court square consultant has been prepared and he hopes that the contract will be signed by the end of the month.

Mr. Huja also informed the group that the court study group would be having a community on the evening of December 9th.

Mr. Wootton indicated that on November 13th, there is a Jefferson Thanksgiving Festival. On the 14th of November, the Historical Society will have an annual meeting and at 1:45 will have a walking tour of the Paramount Theater, Wachovia block, Court Square, Jail and Jailers House and The Elks Club. He also indicated that the historic exhibit for the train station is ready to be installed.

There was a discussion of the T21 application and a request by the task force that we apply for phase 2 of the court square project.

Mr. Ford indicated that the preservation piedmont has been talking to the Board of Architect. The interview is to include consideration for architectural resources on level with other preservation issues.

Mr. Beliles asked that everyone come to the Thanksgiving Festival and gives feedback. Ingrid Smyer Kelley asked whether we are trying to attract people from Richmond to the festival.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45. The next meeting will be December 8, 1999.

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Mr. Wootton indicated that he is working on the wording for the year 2000 Historic State markers, concerning Woolen Mills and The Charlottesville General Hospital. The hospital sign can be located on The Midway Manor site. It was agreed that we would have the wording checked by Fred Heblich, Peg O'Bryan and someone from the UVA hospital.

This year's local historic markers still have to be reviewed by two Baptist churches that are involved. Next year's local marker will be Vinegar Hill and University Corner. Mark Beliles is doing the wording for those markers.

The train station exhibit is ready, except for the mounting of the panoramic view of the train station.

We are still finalizing the contract for court square project. City Council has also agree to file a petition for phase two of court square and the public hearing for that will be held on January 3, 2000. The Court Study committee will be holding a community meeting on January 6, 2000. They will also be holding a community meeting in March, at which the status of the court square project will be presented. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 15, 1999 at the East End of the Downtown Mall to unveil two historic markers. All members are invited.

The Historic Booklet Committee is meeting on a weekly basis. Mr. Beliles will check the funding for this project and will contact Mr. Heblich. Bids for the design of the booklet have been received.

Ms. Caperton indicated that the Jefferson Thanksgiving was a great success. There were 5000- 6000 people who attended the festival. Ms. Kelley wondered about the breakdown of the attendees, by local verse non-local. Ms. Caperton suggested the possibility of an evaluation sheet which, could be filled out by the attendees.

Mr. Wootton stated that he would prepare a letter for the members of the committee outlining the important meeting dates.

Mr. Wootton said that he would be presenting a status report on the Historic Resource Task Force to City Council on January 3, 2000.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30. The next meeting will be January 12, 2000.

MEMO

DATE:	DECEMBER 20, 1999
TO:	MEMBERS, HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE
FROM:	JIM WOOTTON
RE:	IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

As we enter the hectic holiday period, I want to call your attention to several important dates coming up in January:

January 3, 7:30 p.m. Charlottesville City Council Meeting. There will be a public hearing on the TEA21 application for funds to complete the Court Square Enhancement project Phase II. Please come and voice your support!

January 6, 7:00 p.m. Albemarle County Court House. Public Meeting and update on the Court Studies project. Public opposition to the initial proposal caused the project participants to go back to the drawing board. This project needs continued monitoring to ensure the court's needs are balanced with the preservation needs of this historic area.

January 12, 3:30 p.m. in the Michie Annex. Monthly meeting of the Historic Resources Task Force. Our attendance recently has been light. Please make every effort to attend.

February 7, 7:30 p.m. I will be presenting a status report on the past year's activities of the Historic Resources Task Force.

Best wishes for the holidays!