CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: 7 February 2000

Action Required: Review and Approval for Public Agenda

Staff Contacts: Satyendra Singh Huja, Director of Strategic Planning

Reviewed By: Gary O'Connell, City Manager

Title: Historic Resource Task Force Status Report

<u>Background</u>: City Council appointed Historic Resource Task force in December of 1997 to better utilize historic resources of the community. The task force contains thirteen members from a broad spectrum of the community with knowledge of the City's historic resources. This group has been meeting monthly and has been involved in a variety of projects and activities.

The original charge for the task force was as follows:

- The development of heritage walking tours by private entrepreneurs and/or other organizations.
- Cultural events such as the Jefferson Thanksgiving, Colonial Christmas.
- Educational programs for adults and/or children, through the schools and other organizations, including community archaeology to learn the history of native Americans, colonial and civil war periods in Charlottesville.
- Historical plaques, sculptures or other public exhibits in public places and private businesses.
- Development of signs to identify historic buildings and sites related to individuals who contributed to local, regional or national history.
- Promotion or creation of museums or permanent exhibits of cultural history.

Their current projects include State Historic Markers, Local Historic Markers, Local History Exhibits, Court Square Enhancement Projects and Booklet on local history.

<u>Discussion</u>: Jim Wootton co-chair, of the task force will be presenting the status report on the activities of the group which will include the following:

State Highway Historic Marker Program
Two markers installed in 1999
Stone Tavern
Three-Notch'd Road

Two markers planned for 2000 Charlottesville Woolen Mills Charlottesville General Hospital

Local History Markers

For 1999

Mt. Zion Baptist Church First Baptist Church, West Main Street

For 2000

The Corner Vinegar Hill

Local History Exhibit at the AMTRAK Station
Participation in the Court Square Enhancement Project
Task Force Members' Participation in Local History Events
Albemarle County Historical Society Spirit Walk and Twilight Tours
Jeffersonian Day of Thanksgiving
Downtown Walking Tour by ACHS and Preservation Piedmont

Budgetary Impact: The state historic markers cost approximately \$1500 per marker. The task force has been trying to place two historic markers every year. Local historic markers cost \$1000 per marker per year. The task force hopes to do two markers per year. The task force is also preparing a permanent historic display at the Union Train Station, which will cost about \$1000. There may be an additional expense of up to \$1000 for miscellaneous activities.

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<u>Recommendations</u>: Staff recommend continuation of this task force as it is successfully working on its charge and many activities still need to be accomplished.

Attachments:

Task Force Membership

HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE February 9, 2000 – 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. Charlottesville tour book status
- 5. Status Reports
- 6. Other Business

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HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE February 9, 2000 Minutes

Present:

Ingrid Smyer Kelley
Winston Churchill Gooding
Mark Beliles
Jim Wootton
Mary Hill Caperton
Lyn Eley
Ben Ford
Frances Fife
Jim Eddins

Also Present:

Satyendra Singh Huia

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. The minutes of January 12, 1999 were unanimously approved.

State Historic Markers

The initial text for two state markers for the year 2000 has been sent to the historic board in Richmond, Virginia. They will consider the text at their June Meeting. The markers, if approved, will be available in September and installed in December. The two markers for the year 2000 are Woolen Mills and Charlottesville General Hospital.

Local Historic Markers

For 1999, Mt. Zion Church and First Baptist Church, Main Street have been selected. Mr. Beliles and Mr. Wootton will work with the Churches and the pastors to finalize the text. For the year 2000, the markers will be for the University Corner and Vinegar Hill. Coy Barefoot will be writing the initial text. Mr. Huja was asked to send the specifications for the local markers in next month's package.

Historic Court Square Project

The project committee met with the consultant to discuss our goals and schedules. (Please see attached schedule.) It is felt that we need to coordinate with the "parking study" and the "court facility study". The phase II TEA 21-grant application has been filed with the state. We are requesting \$500,00 for this phase. There will be a community meeting on April 10th at 7:00

p.m. on this project. The consultants will also present status reports on March 2nd and May 22nd at public meetings in coordination with the court facility committee.

Historic Resources Task Force Status Report

Mr. Wootton indicated that he presented the annual report to the City Council on February 7^{th.} which was very well received. He also requested a budget of \$5,000- \$7,000 for the task force work.

Tour Book

A committee chaired by Garrett Smith is working on the text. Fred Heblich is in contact with the Michie Company for the printing of this report, which may occur in May. It will take \$10,000 to print 7,500 copies. It was agreed that if the Michie Company does not come through with the funding by the next meeting, Ingrid Kelley would contact other potential contributors. The chair will contact Mr. Heblich.

Markers on the Buildings

Mr. Eddins indicated that he is collecting information for plaques on the historic buildings. These plaques will have the street address and possible 50 words. A bronze plaque would cost approximately \$125 per plaque. These plaques will relate to the tour guidebook.

Train Station Exhibit

Ms. Eley indicated that the text has been completed and the graphics will be completed this month, and hopes that the exhibit could be installed by March in the train station. It was agreed that there should be an opening ceremony to be conducted by the Mayor.

Other Meetings

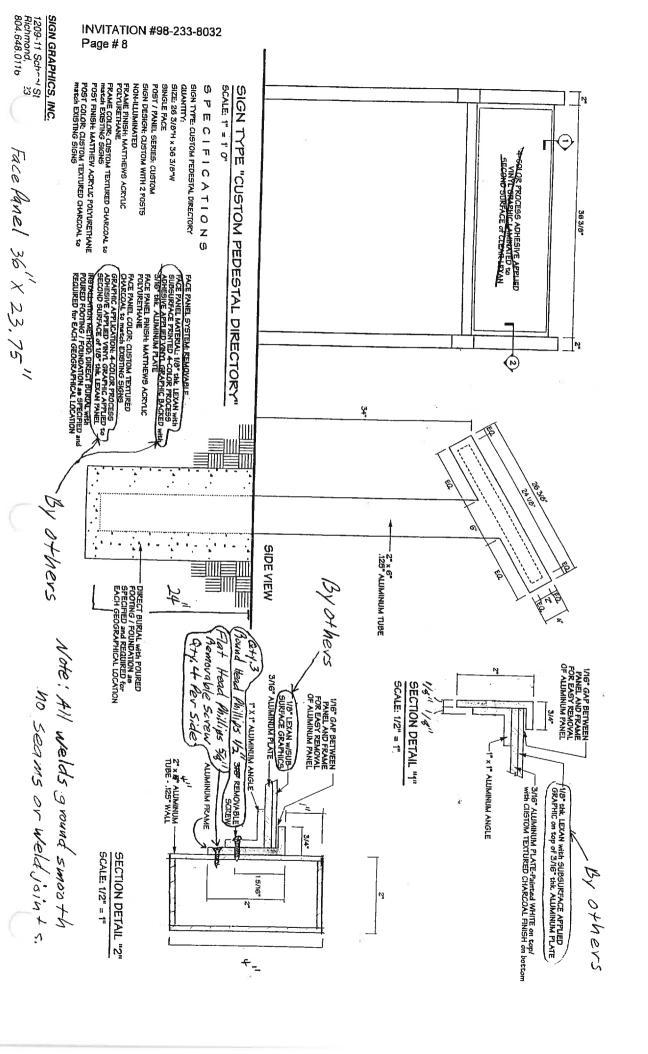
	February 11	Ed Lay "Architecture in Jefferson Country"
	February 25	Gunston Hall Speaker Program
\triangleright	March 5	Preservation Piedmont presentation by Ben Ford on Local Archaeology
\triangleright	March 12	Albemarle County Historical Society "Emancipation in Charlottesville"
Þ	March 17	Lecture at George Mason University

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30. The next meeting will be March 8, 2000.

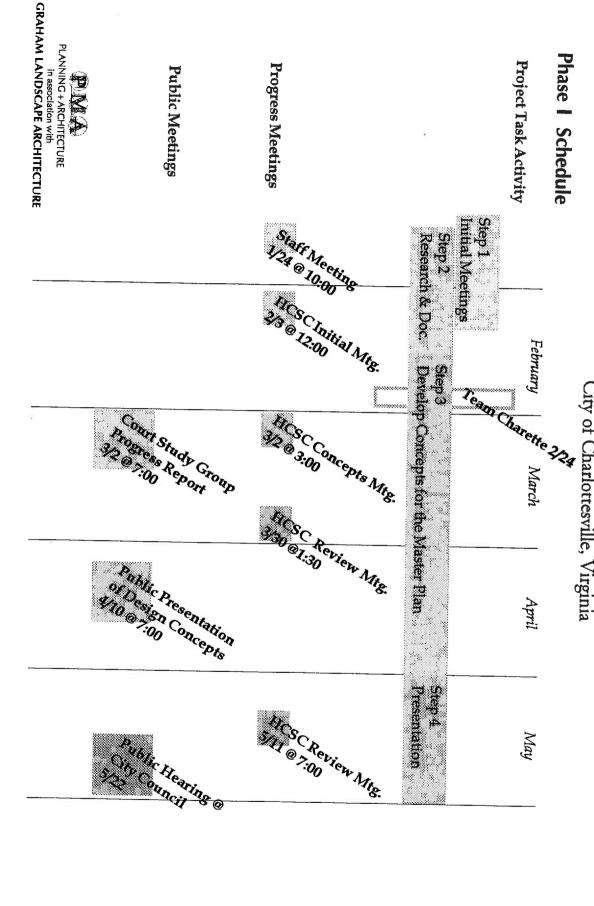
HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE March 8, 2000 – 3:30 P.M. BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

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Historic Court Square Enhancement Master Plan City of Charlottesville, Virginia





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