HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE March 12, 2003 3:30 p.m. BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

- 1. Approval of Minutes
- 2. Discussion of State Markers e.g., Jefferson School
- 3. Discussion of Local Markers
- 4. Discussion of Pamphlets
- 5. 400th Anniversary Celebration of Virginia
- 6. Other Business
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Historic Resource Task Force Minutes February 12, 2003 3:30 p.m. Basement Conference Room City Hall

Present:

Winston Churchill Gooding Mary Hill Caperton Helena Devereux Genevieve Keller Mark Beliles Ingrid Smyer-Kelley Rick Britton

<u>Others Present:</u> Satyendra Singh Huja Jeff Werner

Minutes:

The minutes of January 12, 2003, were moved by Mr. Winston Churchill Gooding and second by Ms. Mary Hill Caperton and were approved as amended, see attached.

Mr. Satyendra Singh Huja briefed the task force on the status of the Historic Court Square project. All 7 easements have been acquired and the final drawings and specifications will be submitted to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in mid February. VDOT will take 30-45 days for review. The bid for the projects could be out in early April and could be awarded by the end of April, and construction is scheduled to begin in May.

Mr. Jeff Werner spoke about the Wine Makers House, on 212 Wine Street and about the Monticello Wine Company. He indicated that the winery was internationally known. The Hayes family started it in 1873. It was the first successful commercial winery in Virginia. The winery itself is located west of the house. Mr. Werner suggested that it might be appropriate to have a state historic marker for the winery. He was going to suggest some wording for the marker, which the task force can pursue. He also suggested the desirability of artwork related to the winery on McIntire Road.

Ms. Helena Devereux discussed a tentative wording of the Jefferson School state marker. After some discussion, it was agreed that the wording for this marker needs to be further defined. The marker for Jefferson School will be important because Charlottesville was the only city, which went to court for desegregation of schools. There was also a discussion of the "First Freed Man School"; we should consider a local marker for this.

Mr. Mark Beliles shared the wording of the local historic marker around Historic Court Square. Each marker will have groupings of buildings. There will be 8 signs. (See attached wording)

There was also a discussion of the large sign next to Historic Court Square. The committee will work on the content of that sign.

Mr. Huja informed the committee that no private money was available for local historic marker for the Inges Store. Rick Britton shared the University Cemetery brochure. There was a discussion that there should be a pamphlet for Maplewood Cemetery and that the adjacent neighborhood association should be encouraged to prepare that.

Mr. Huja indicated that he had been working with a volunteer to inventory the existing "Ghost Signs", in Charlottesville, and will like to present this package at a future task force meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be March 12, 2003 at 3:30.

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AMENDED MINUTES Historic Resource Task Force Minutes January 8, 2003 3:30 p.m. Basement Conference Room City Hall

Present:

Winston Churchill Gooding Mary Hill Caperton Helena Devereux Genevieve Keller Mark Beliles Ingrid Smyer-Kelley Mark Shore

<u>Others Present:</u> Satyendra Singh Huja

Minutes:

It was moves moved By Mr. Winston Churchill Gooding and seconded by Ms. Mary Hill Caperton to accept the minutes of December 11, 2002. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

In the discussion of the state historic markers, Mr. Huja informed the committee that the State Historic Resources has sent the revised wording for the Edgar Allan Poe marker. This will have to be reviewed by the University of Virginia Board of Visitors. The Task Force felt that there should be no reference to gambling and that the marker should mention that he died in Baltimore. Mr. Huja also commented that the State Historic Resources Department has informed us, that Faulkner would not be eligible for a state marker until 2007, as to the 50-year rule. Ms. Devereux has stated that the Jefferson School committee is working on the wording for their state marker and will send it to us next month.

Ms. Genevieve Keller inquired if there were any national register National Register plaques of Historic Places district. Mr. Huja indicated that he was unaware of any, even though we have a number of national register districts. Discussion concerning investigating and possibly ordering and installing tyem in the city's NR district.

Mr. Shore wondered what the sizes of the local markers were. [There was also a discussion of the possibility of bringing the attention to structures on national historic register. It was felt that maybe the Historical Society or APVA could take the lead on this matter.]

Mr. Huja distributed a wording for the local historic marker on the Inge's Store on West Main Street. A group of residents have proposed this marker. It was agreed that the Task Force would discuss the wording at the next meeting and should inquire from these people the owner if they are willing to pay for the sign, otherwise it will go on the waiting list. Mr. Beliles agreed that he would have finalized the wordings for 6 local markers around Court Square within the next few weeks.

The Task Force discussed the criteria for local historic markers and the following were agreed upon:

- Contributions to Community
- Local Historic Significance
- Architectural Significance
- Archeological Significance
- Local Cultural Significance
- Supporting Documentation
- Approval by Historic Resources Task Force.

The Task Force agreed to refine these at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of a pamphlet for Jack Jouett's ride as requested by Mr. McCue. Mr. Huja indicated that he was informed that this is an important historic event and there is no literature available about this event. Mr. Shore mentioned that people usually like small factoids about historic events. He also indicted that sometimes pamphlets with information about similar historical infinity affinity are helpful. here was a discussion whether we should have a series of pamphlets in the coming year, e.g., Jack Jouett Ride, George Rogers Clark, Meriwether Lewis, etc. There will be a further discussion of these issues at the next meeting.

Mr. Huja informed the committee that the owners for the last 2 properties requiring easements have agreed to give the easement to the city. Mr. Huja still does not have signed documents from the owners. As soon as he gets the documents, he

will file the Court Square plans for VDOT to review, which will take 30-60 days. He still hopes that construction can begin in late spring of 2003.

Mr. Shore commented that he is working on the Heritage Venture Tourism Maps for this region. Once the data has been collected, visitors can create their own maps on the Internet. He still does not have information about the Charlottesville historic sites.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 12, 2003 at 3:30.

Attachments