MINUTES CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Monday October 12, 2015 * 11:00 am – Noon NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present

Genevieve Keller Ellen Wagner Liz Sargent Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair Melanie Miller, Co-Chair Members Absent Winston Churchill Gooding Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS Dede Smith

Additional People

Shelley Sass (joined the meeting at 11:05am)

Staff Camie Mess Mary Joy Scala

CALL TO ORDER

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:07.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Melanie Miller moved to approve the minutes as amended. Edwina St. Rose seconded. The minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Daughters of Zion:

- Liz Sargent and Shelly Sass circulated their preliminary plan to Address the Preservation and Rehabilitation of the Daughters of Zion Cemetery. A brief overview of the packet followed.
- It is apparent that community involvement will be imperative to the success of this preservation plan; therefore, a community meeting will need to be scheduled.
- Also, getting a non-profit involved was discussed as an effective implementation tool. Several existing groups were discussed and Edwina St. Rose related that several people have formed as a committee that is developing some plans for the cemetery. It was suggested that the HRC be in touch with that group and coordinate efforts.
- Liz Sargent discussed having a landscaping plan that honors the cemetery's history while giving it a bit of a modern facelift.
- Genevieve Keller suggested going through the Preservation and Rehabilitation plan and then having the HRC create an action plan
- Ellen Wagner discussed after the action plan is created, that Doug Ehman be brought back into the discussion to see what he has funding for and where that overlaps with the action plan.
- Mary Joy explained her email conversation, can be attached to the minutes at a later date, if necessary

Vinegar Hill:

- Edwina St. Rose contacted Scot French and he said he is busy, but working on it. This will be re-visited in November.

Charlottesville's Churches:

- Downtown churches, related to Court Square, and their timeline. Currently, looking at locality with a short description, map included.
- Steve Trumbull has done a lot of work on the early churches

Court Square Markers:

- Melanie's friend is creating a sketch this week for the three free standing markers.

Historic Street Signs:

- Melanie is going to e-mail Mary Joy an updated excel sheet

Cemetery Signs:

- Markers were delivered to Doug Ehman to put in.
- Daughter of Zion to be put up over Memorial Day.
- The markers for Maplewood and Oakwood will tentatively have an unveiling ceremony on Nov 15th, ask Mayor Satyendra Huja and Dede Smith if they will be available for a small speech.
- Meet at Maplewood to look where the marker should be installed.

The Corner Marker:

- Edwina St. Rose made the motion to buy a new Corner Marker, Liz Sargent seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

African American Trail:

- Opening of the new exhibit at Jefferson School happens tomorrow, 10/13/2013

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.

OTHER BUSINESS

The PAPA annual event at Montpelier was a giant success! Next year Genevieve Keller suggested that each group have a picture and short two minute discussion of their projects, in a streamlined PowerPoint discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:07 pm