

# **Historic Resources Task Force 1998**

HISTORICAL RESOURCES TASK FORCE  
JANUARY 8, 1998 - 4:00 P.M.  
MICHE ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

PRESENT:

Mr. Francis Fife  
Ms. Florence Bryant  
Mr. Dan Bluestone  
Ms. Ingrid Smyer-Kelly  
Ms. Bobbye Cochran  
Ms. Mary Hill Caperton  
Ms. Lynne Ely  
Mr. Cory Barefoot  
Mr. Jim Wootten

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Katherine Slaughter, Mayor  
Mr. Satyendra Singh Huja

Ms. Slaughter welcomed the members of the task force and indicated that the purpose of the task force is to promote and better utilize our historic resources. The task force needs to give their report by June 1, 1998 to City Council. If there are items which require funding, you will need to get those to City Council soon, as the budget process is starting. She suggested that Mrs. Rebecca McGinnis and Mr. Lionel Key could be co-honorary chairs. Even though they will not be attending the meetings, we could still talk to them.

The members of the task force then introduced themselves and shared some of their ideas.

Mr. Dan Bluestone indicated that he has an interest in history. He said he would like to see bounds of initial plats of Charlottesville identified on ground. He wants people to know when and where of places. He would also like to encourage greater membership for the historical society.

Ms. Florence Bryant indicated that she would like to see a better map of Downtown. She also wanted to bring closure to Katherine Foster archaeological dig. She said she is also interested in African American History and Black Genealogical Groups. She would like to see recognition of the Greer family in relation to the Ivy Creek Natural Area. She also wanted some recognition of Washington Park and of black schools.

Mr. Jim Wootten, President of the Historical Society and Ashland Curator, indicated that he would like to have a historic museum on the Mall.

Ms. Ingrid Smyer-Kelly is involved with Montpelier Publishing, and is interested in "Women in History" and building a sense of community.

Ms. Mary Hill Caperton, owns historic property and has been a member of Preservation Piedmont and is interested in tourism. She was also interested in the Visitors Center in town with historical exhibits. She was also interested in the location of the Lewis and Clark Museum.

Mr. Cory Barefoot, indicated that he is doing books on the history of the University of Virginia and Charlottesville. He presented his ideas in three categories of promoting-preservation, research and education as it relates to historic resources (see attached memorandum). He also talked about ideas of documentary programs, tourist pass, historic Charlottesville brochure, and other educational ideas for students and the public.

Ms. Lynne Ely, Executive Director of Albemarle County Historical Society, indicated that she has an interest in a local historic museum.

Ms. Bobbye Cochran is interested in tourism promotion, promotional material, downtown visitor center and other markers. She thought that the task force should concentrate in short term activities. She also was interested in an inventory of what we have.

Mr. Francis Fife indicated that he is interested in information on old roads and bridges.

Mr. Huja suggested that the Committee should select a Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Fife and seconded by Ms. Cochran that Cory Barefoot be the Chairman. It was unanimously agreed upon.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be February 11, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.