

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE
FEBRUARY 11, 1998 -- 4:00 P.M.
MICHIE ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

AGENDA

1. List of Activities to be focused on by the Task Force
2. Committee Appointments

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JANUARY 8, 1998 - 4:00 P.M.
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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.

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE

CHARGE

- 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 American, 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.

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TIMEFRAME

This task force is appointed for a five months term, ending May 1998.

**City of Charlottesville Task Force on Historic Resources:
A Preliminary Proposal
by Coy Barefoot
submitted to Mayor Kay Slaughter
Saturday, November 8, 1997**

Proposal: That a City of Charlottesville Task Force on Historic Resources be established for the purpose of reporting to the City Council on a variety of initiatives related to improving the education, preservation, and promotion of our remarkable local heritage. It is proposed that the Task Force break into various subcommittees to pursue the following initiatives:

I. PROMOTION

A. Lewis and Clark Museum

1. investigate the proposal concerning the feasibility, funding, and parameters of a local museum which celebrates the Lewis and Clark expedition, which of course began here in Charlottesville with the planing of Thomas Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis. How can the City help move this project along?

B. Tourism

1. in cooperation with members of the tourism council, suggest ways in which the City might better communicate its historical significance to current and prospective visitors. Might we want to consider a "Visit Historic Charlottesville" advertising campaign, and if so, what might that entail?
2. the Task Force should also look into ways that we might attract more of the Monticello visitors into the City. For example, is there a tourist pass (along the lines of Colonial Williamsburg's "Patriot Pass") that we might create in cooperation with the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Ash Lawn- Highland, and the University of Virginia that would allow tourists a broader, more inclusive experience of history in the area?
3. the Task Force will look into the method by which we might interest cable TV documentary programs in coming to Charlottesville. For example, contact producers that have done work with the History Channel, the Travel Channel, etc.

C. Historic Charlottesville Brochure

1. provide a proposal for a brochure that would be offered to visitors to our City. It is suggested that the pamphlet focus on vital historical information, perhaps offer a timeline, sidebars on the three presidents and the University, include a map and self-guided walking tour information for the Court Square and the Downtown Mall, a regional map with historical and other sites of interest, as well as offering ad space for local businesses. How might we best circulate this brochure outside of Charlottesville?

II. PRESERVATION/RESEARCH

A. Historical Archaeology

1. investigate the feasibility, funding, and parameters regarding a city-sponsored historical archaeology program here in Charlottesville: suggested locations deserving of research? Opportunities for local citizens and students to get involved as volunteers?

B. Oral History Program

1. to preserve Charlottesville's community history, the Task Force should look into ways in which the oral histories of some of our older citizens might be collected and preserved. The Albemarle County Historical Society might be involved in this process, and it is suggested that the oral histories be arranged by historic neighborhoods (similar to the approach used in "From Porch Swings to Patios," an oral history project initiated by the Office of Community Development).

C. Board of Architectural Review

1. consider the process by which the historical significance of city structures is now researched and reported to the Board of Architectural Review: are there any areas for improvement?

D. Historic Districts

1. in cooperation with the City's Planning Commission, report on the current use and effectiveness of "Historic District" designations— are there any ways the City might better promote its historic neighborhoods? For example, we might consider "You are now entering an Historic Charlottesville neighborhood" signs that offer historical information.
2. working with the City's Office of Community Development, the Task Force will consider the publication of a booklet titled "A Guide to Historic Homes and Neighborhoods of Charlottesville."

E. Academic Conference

1. in cooperation with the University of Virginia and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, suggest a path of action the City might pursue to co-sponsor an annual academic conference focused on the history of Virginia.

III. EDUCATION

A. Public/Tourist

1. investigate and report on the current situation regarding state historical markers in the city limits: which ones exist now? Provide a prioritized list of recommended new markers that should be erected: describe location and historical significance for each, and include the text for the first few recommended markers. The subcommittee on historical markers should contact Katherine R. Long in Richmond, who oversees the program for the state.

B. Students

1. in cooperation with area school teachers, the Task Force investigates current local history curricula: how is Charlottesville history being taught now at the elementary, middle, and high school levels? Are there any ways in which the City might improve or expand the use of area resources? For example, how might we involve local historians as volunteers in the classroom? How might we involve students in collecting oral histories, etc. The Task Force will consider ways to unite the community and the classroom so as to improve ways in which Charlottesville/Albemarle history is communicated to our students.
2. in cooperation with the University of Virginia and Piedmont Virginia Community College, the Task Force would propose ways in which entering first year students at each institution could be introduced to the history of the larger community they have chosen to join. For example, we might offer an historical slide show and complimentary downtown walking tours as a part of their regular orientation.
3. the Task Force will develop and suggest an annual essay contest for area students, to be sponsored by the City and the Albemarle County Historical Society, that would encourage students to investigate local history. It is suggested that there will an annual award ceremony for the students, with public recognition and prizes to be donated by area businesses. The Historical Society might consider publishing the winning entries in their magazine.
4. in cooperation with the University and the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, the Task Force will consider the development of an annual gathering of exceptional high school students from Virginia, to be held here in Charlottesville and at the University (similar to Girls and Boys State), focused on Virginia history.

March 11 4pm
April 8

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

FOR DISCUSSION AT FEBRUARY 11, 1998 MEETING

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Lonely Key - Rebecca Mc Ginnis

- S. Getting honorary Co-Chairman designated
- S. Identification of Original Plat of Charlottesville - ban inc. into walking tours
- L. Historical Markers (Identify, justify 2 for this year) - copy funding
- L. Archaeology Program - drone photo slate - 2 types State local
- L. Downtown Visitors' Center - LHM, non-profit, tourism
- L. Educational Program about Local History - report on elementary, high school, college
- L. Documentary Production - copy-commercial - history brochure in Univ. Park
- L. Unified Tourist Pass - tourism bureau lady with work report bureaus
- L. Historic Charlottesville Brochure
- S. Identification of Visitors Center on Directional Signs - streets guide Fred & den, ledges
- History of Old Roads and Bridges
- Identification of Exhibit Space Locations
- Visit Historical Charlottesville Advertisement Campaign
- L. Oral History Program Promotion - can i yon
- Awards Program for Historic Preservation - talk to class to promote APVA
- Historical Neighborhood Markers on Signs - could be in reighborhood

→ check w/ Kay re hist. marker program - 2 for now

virtual tour - website

letter to co - chairs