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## HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE MARCH 11, 1998 -- 4:00 P.M. MICHE ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

### AGENDA

1. Approval of February 11, 1998 Minutes
2. Committee Presentations
3. Other Business

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MINUTES OF  
HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE  
FEBRUARY 11, 1998

TO: Mr. Huja

FROM: Coy Barefoot

RE: Notes from February 11, 1998 meeting of Task Force on Historic Resources

The purpose of this, our second meeting, was to discuss a list of possible activities and projects we intend to pursue during our charge. Members of the Task Force also volunteered for individual committees to begin work on each project.

The project committees were agreed upon as follows:

- 1. Getting Lionel Key and Rebecca McGinness designated as honorary co-chairs-** A brief biography of each to be included in the final report to City Council. Coy Barefoot to contact Mrs. McGinness, Mary Hill Caperton to contact Mr. Key.
- 2. Identification of Original Plat of Charlottesville-** Dan Bluestone to prepare report and purpose of this project.
- 3. Historical Marker Program-** It was agreed that the task force would pursue a tripartite program as far as markers are concerned: involvement with the state-sponsored marker program that recognizes sites of state or national significance, a local effort to improve the identification of locally significant sites and events, as well as neighborhood markers that identify and welcome residents to historic City neighborhoods. Coy Barefoot will investigate and prepare the report on these programs.
- 4. Archaeology Program-** the Task Force agreed to investigate the possibility of establishing a public archaeology program in the City. UVA archaeology graduate student Drake <sup>Porter</sup> will look into this project and prepare a report regarding site selection, educational opportunities, and funding options.
- 5. Downtown Visitors Center/Unified Tourist Pass/Identification of Exhibit Space Locations/ "Visit Historic Charlottesville" Advertising Campaign-** a report addressing various tourist and museum issues will be included in the final report to Council. Since some initiatives along this line are currently underway in the community, the Task Force agreed to act as a "clearing house" of ideas and projects already begun, and to investigate ways that Council might facilitate those initiatives. Committee members: Lynne Ely, Jim Wooten, Bobby Cochran

6. **Local History Education program-** members discussed options at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. It was noted that the Historical Society's walking tours for grade-schoolers has been and continues to be enormously successful. Regarding secondary education, it was suggested that our local history might be used as a "window" to teaching state and early national history. Members also made a point concerning increasing education about local African-American history in our schools. And it was also suggested that the Task Force investigate ways to better involve incoming college and university students with the larger City community. Committee members: Jim Wooten, Florence Bryant, ~~Jim Wooten~~ Coy Barefoot

7. **Documentary Production-** members of the Task Force decided to investigate avenues that might lead to historic documentary production in the area. Coy Barefoot to look into this possibility.

8. **Historic Charlottesville Brochure/Identifying Old Roads and Bridges-** After much discussion about existing historic brochures of Charlottesville, members decided that there is room for improvement, and opted to establish a committee to suggest how a new brochure might look- emphasis was placed on a good map, "reader friendly" text, and the possibility of involving other areas besides downtown (like the University and historic neighborhoods). The option of drafting a more detailed and lengthy historic Charlottesville handbook in the future was also suggested, though the scope of the committee involves only the brochure. Committee members: Fred Heblich, Mary Hill Caperton, Dan Bluestone, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

9. **Identification of Visitors Center on Directional Signs-** Bobbye Cochran to prepare information for Mr. Huja

10. **Oral History Program-** the Task Force agreed that the personal memories and recollections of the City's older residents were an invaluable and important resource. Though the Historical Society has an oral history program in place, Task Force members decided that there was room for more promotion and facilitation. Lynn Ely and Coy Barefoot will look into ways we might suggest improving this program.

11. **Awards Program for Historic Preservation-** Jim Wooten volunteered to meet with the City's Public Information Officer to investigate ways we might better promote the APVA awards. It was also suggested that there be a local awards program for historic preservation.

12. **Governor Jefferson's Thanksgiving Festival-** Task Force member Mark Beliles, who has been unable to attend the first two meetings, was charged by phone with preparing a report on the plans and status of the Thanksgiving festival, and its relation to the promotion of local history.

Before the meeting concluded, Dan Bluestone suggested we might consider an historic Charlottesville web page, with links to the Historical Society, Tourism Bureau, Monticello, UVA, etc. It was tacitly agreed that we would consider this project at our next meeting.

At the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at 4pm, the Task Force committees will have an opportunity to present progress reports on their work, get feedback from the group, consider the possibility of other projects, as well as take a look at our long term calendar.

*Report prepared by: Coy Barefoot (971-6745, barefoot@cstone.net)*

February 13, 1998

Dear Gary,

Regarding my recent e-mail communication with Mayor Slaughter and your office, this is the aforementioned request for funding for the City's state historical marker program.

The task force on historic resources, which began meeting only recently, will present its final report and recommendations to City Council in May. However, we have been advised by both Mr. Huja and Mayor Slaughter that the budget for the next year is now being finalized, and that if we anticipate any need for funds during that time, we should get in a request as soon as possible.

The task force determined at its last meeting, Wednesday February 11, that we will indeed recommend in May that the City initiate a program to participate in the state historical marker program. Our view at present is that the City submit a request for two markers per annum.

Virginia's historical marker program has been very successful throughout the many decades of its existence. And Charlottesville already has a number of the markers in place. But there are many opportunities that are being missed, and we will recommend that the City initiate a program to erect new markers to commemorate local events that are of state or national significance.

I have spoken with the office in Richmond that oversees the program. The price per marker is \$1,100. I have therefore been instructed by the members of the task force to request a total of \$2,200 for this upcoming fiscal year, for two historical markers.

Assuming the support of Council, our request for the first two markers will be submitted this summer, and will await final approval by the state's Board of Historic Resources at their October meeting. We could therefore expect the two markers to be unveiled during the first month or so of next year.

A complete presentation of this program and our recommendations— including the text for these first two markers— will be included in our final report in May.

If you have any questions or further information for me or the task force, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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