

**HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE
April 12, 2000 – 3:30 P.M.
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM**

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
- 2. Status of Historic Markers**
- 3. Status of Court Square Project**
- 4. Charlottesville tour book status**
- 5. Status Reports**
- 6. Other Business**

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HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE
March 9, 2000
Minutes

Present:

Ingrid Smyer Kelley
Winston Churchill Gooding
Mark Beliles
Jim Wootton
Mary Hill Caperton
Francis Fife

Also Present:

Satyendra Singh Huja

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. The minutes of February 9, 2000 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Wootton indicated that he has received communication from the State Department of Historic Resources, stating that the board will consider two state markers for the City of Charlottesville at their June meeting. The markers can be manufactured in September and installed in December.

Mr. Beliles is following the local marker discussion with First Baptist Church on Main Street. Mr. Beliles has met with Rev. Bruce Beard and is waiting for their response. Mr. Wootton will work with Mt. Zion Baptist church for their local marker. Mr. Beliles said that we should move ahead with the local markers for the UVA Corner and Vinegar Hill, the committee was in agreement. Mr. Beliles made a proposal that we need to consider local markers for the Court Square area itself in conjunction with improvements to the infrastructure. There should be at least one marker on each sides of the Court Square, describing the past and present historic development. The committee agreed that we should start researching the language for these markers. Mr. Gooding suggested that there should be markers at Carver and Burley Middle School. The committee felt that they could be followed and worked on after the above mentioned markers.

Mr. Huja gave a brief status report on the Court Square project indicating that he has met with the county representatives to brief them about the status of the project, as part of the property is owned by them. The county suggested improvement to the kiosk currently on the site. Mr. Joe Letteri will represent the county on the project committee. Mr. Huja stated that the project committee met with the consultant to discuss the initial proposals. This included bricking of the sidewalk and street round the Court Square and 5th Street to Market street, under grounding of utilities, pedestrian lighting, signage, landscape improvement on site and on High Street, cross walks, low brick walls at the corners and a civic space at eastern end of Jefferson Street with a possibility of vehicle or traffic on 6th Street coming from Market Street. Mr. Huja indicted that the last item may have some technical traffic problems. Mr. Wootton felt that the consultant had done a good job and was impressed by their

analysis in the historical and architectural research on the "evolution over time". The next meeting of the project meeting will be March 30, 2000.

Mr. Wootton indicated that he has communicated with Mr. Garret Smith of the Historical Book Committee. They seem to be 95% sure of funding from the Michie Company, but have not gotten the final word. The committee has asked Ingrid Smyer Kelley to approach some other donor for this project.

Mr. Wootton informed that Ms. Florence C. Bryant has resigned from the Historic Resources Task Force. He will keep her informed concerning projects commemorating African American history.

Mr. Wootton reported that Gropen is now in the final stage of fabricating the exhibit to be placed in the Amtrak station, Gropen will also install the exhibit.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20. The next meeting will be April 12, 2000.