

**HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE
August 9, 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. Co-Chair Discussion**
- 6. Old Jail Status**
- 7. Other Business**

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HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE
July 12, 2000
Minutes

Present:

Winston Churchill Gooding
Mary Hill Capperton
Lynne Ely
Frances Fife
Ingrid Smyer Kelley
Mark Beliles
Daniel Bluestone

Also Present:

Satyendra Singh Huja

The meeting began at 3:30 p.m. The minutes of May 10, 2000 were unanimously approved. Mr. Beliles informed the committee that Mr. Wootton had resigned as his job is now in Richmond.

Mr. Huja informed that the state had approved state historic markers, one for Wollen Mills and one for General Hospital.

Mr. Huja also informed that the unveiling ceremony for the train station historic exhibit would be on July 25th at 11:45 a.m. at the Amtrak Station.

Mr. Huja and Mr. Beliles presented the status of the court square project. Mr. Huja commented that the state has given an additional grant of \$400,000 for this project, bringing the total to 1.25 million dollars. The current plan is to go for public input in September and bid the project in the winter with a hope that the construction can begin the summer of 2001. There was also a discussion of a need to include a new signage package for this area. Ms. Ely indicated that the historic booklet committee is getting the graphic work done for the project. Mr. Beliles will contact Fred Heblich about the rest of the funding.

There was a discussion of the old jail building. Mr. Beliles presented the concept of a museum of religious freedom. Ms. Kelly indicated that the religious freedom is a too narrow of a topic. Ms. Kelly questioned where the money would come from. Mr. Beliles stated that it will emphasize the Thomas Jefferson connection to religious freedom, it could be an orientation to the tourist in Court Square. It could have exhibits and law enforcement history. Ms. Richards felt that there should be some discussion of private use of the jail facility. Mr. Bluestone was interested in the wording of the project. It was agreed that the task force should support the preservation of the jail but not necessarily recommend a specific project.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30. The next meeting will be August 9, 2000.