

HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE

PLEASE NOTE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

*****November 15, 2001 – 3:30 P.M.*****

MICHE ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Status of Tour Booklet, Distribution and sale price
3. Discussion of New State Historic Markers
4. Discussion of Local Markers Priority Listing
5. Other Business

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Historic Resources Task Force
Minutes
October 10, 2001
Basement Conference Room
3:30 p.m.

Present:

Winston Churchill Gooding
Ingrid Smyer Kelly
Lynne Heetderks
Helena Devereux
Frances Fife
Benjamin Ford
Mark Beliles
Mary Hill Caperton

Others Present:

Satyendra Singh Huja
Tarpley Vest
Sue Webber

Mr. Beliles opened the meeting with the discussion of the September 12, 2001 minutes. It was moved by Ms. Heetderks and second by Ms. Caperton to adopt the minutes of September 12, 2001, with a correction that Ms. Caperton was present at the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

In the discussion of the tour book, Mr. Huja indicated that Mr. Herndon is waiting for some information from Mr. Garrett Smith in order to complete the maps. Ms. Devereux stated that she had spoken with Jenny Keller, who stated that the price of the booklet should be low and the booklet should be small. Mr. Keller commented that the task force might want to explore the possibility of a slimmer edition. The task forces discussed the possible sale price of the booklet and have decided to wait for Mr. Rick Britton's report on this matter. If the task force can not agree on a figure we will average out different opinions, which range from \$3.50 - \$10.00. Mr. Fife stated that he would write a new letter of request for the Perry Foundation, accurately reflecting the request by the task force. Mr. Beliles will re-do the new letter for Mr. Fife.

There was a discussion of the Maplewood cemetery. Ms. Webber representing the adjacent neighbors made her report. Ms. Webber commented that she was at this meeting to seek the task force assistance in the preservation of this historic cemetery. For 1 ½ years there has not been a caretaker. A contractor was hired for mowing and has done significant damage to the tombstones. They were using inappropriate equipment to do the work, and were not sensitive to the tombstones. Many tombstones are being buried in the grass, many broken tombstones have been lost. It is her understanding that the maintenance is now being done by City Parks Department. Ms. Webber commented that there seems to be good police presence in the area now. The neighborhood is doing the inventory of the cemetery. The planning commission has recommended minor historic district designation for Maplewood and Oakwood cemeteries. Ms. Webber commented that the neighborhood is willing to volunteer to assist the Parks Department in the restoration of the cemetery. Ms. Webber has suggested that there needs to be a comprehensive study, appropriate restoration methods, as well as maintenance methods for the cemetery. There also needs to be a broader look at the issue of the maintenance of the cemetery. Ms. Webber indicated that there needs to be a review of the city ordinance relating to cemeteries, and see if there is a need to make changes to the ordinance. Ms. Webber also indicated that there was a perpetual care fund of

\$160,000 in the city budget, which could be used for restoration. Ms. Webber is not sure of the rules and regulations for the use of this fund. Ms. Kelly stated that the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond is being restored and it may be possible to learn something from them. Ms. Heetderks replied that Lynchburg is also using a consultant to restore their cemetery. Mr. Ford stated that there is a need for a long-term solution and a creation of an archeological district. It was suggested that there was a need for an expert analysis, a review of trust fund guidelines, and training for park personnel to properly maintain the cemetery. Ms. Heetderks requested the task forces support in the creation of an ADC district. It was moved by Ms. Caperton and second by Mr. Fife that the task force send a letter of support to City Council. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Huja remarked that he has too get additional bids for local markers. He has identified a location for the Vinegar Hill Marker, which could be placed on the planter wall. Mr. Huja also mentioned that he has received a letter from Mr. Jeffery Werner, concerning an historic marker for Monticello Wine Company . The task force felt that this would not qualify for the state marker, but may be appropriate for a local marker. Ms. Devereux stated that task force should review all potential local markers and decide on the priorities before placing individual local markers. The task force agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting. Ms. Caperton stated that we could do more local markers if property owners are willing to contribute.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.
The next meeting will be November 10, 2001.

Other Potential Locations for State or Local Markers:

(Original Buildings in Bold)

1. **Georgia O'Keeffe Residence**
2. **Mt. Zion Baptist Church**
3. **The Farm**
4. **The University Corner**
5. **Jackson Price Burley High School**
6. Site of Carver Inn
7. Court Square Businesses and homes
 - **Town Hall / Levy Opera House**
 - **Swan Tavern**
 - **Eagle Tavern / Farish Hotel**
 - **Number Nothing / Leitch Storehouse**
 - Site of first Post Office, Drug Store, Masonic Lodge
 - Site of Storehouse, Library, Watch and Liquor Shops
8. McKee Block businesses and homes
 - **Butler-Norris house**
 - Site of First Baptist Church
 - Site of McKee block
9. **Old Jail**
10. **Vinegar Hill and Jefferson School**
11. **Leterman Building**
12. **Jefferson Theatre**
13. **Paramount Theatre**
14. **Home of John R. Jones / Social Hall**
15. **Home of John A. G. Davis / The Farm**
16. **Temple Beth Israel**
17. **First Episcopal Church**
18. **Magruder Sanitarium**
19. **McGuffey School**
20. **First Christian Church**
21. **First Methodist Church**
22. **Sheridan's Headquarters**
23. **Home of T. W. Gilmer**
24. **Holy Comforter Catholic Church**
25. **Madison Hall**
26. **University Chapel**
27. **George Rogers Clark**
28. **Booker T. Washington Park**
29. **Clark Elementary School**
30. **Venable Elementary School**
31. **Lane High School**
32. **Fry Spring**
33. **1740 House / D.S. Tavern**