

HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE
June 12, 2002 - 3:30 P.M.
BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Charlottesville Tour Book Status
3. Discussion of New State Historic Markers
4. Discussion of Local Markers
5. Historic Court Square Status Report
6. Other Business

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*Historic Resource Task Force
Minutes
May 8, 2002*

Present:

Mark Beliles
Winston Churchill Gooding
Frances Fife
Ben Ford
Mary Hill Caperton
Rick Britton
Satyendra Singh Huja

Minutes:

The minutes of April 10, 2002 were approved unanimously.

Mr. Huja stated that the three local historic markers have been installed at Vinegar Hill, Mt. Zion Church and the University Corner.

It was agreed that we would have an unveiling ceremony on Friday, May 31st at noon at Vinegar Hill. Members were to call names of possible invitees to Stephanie Smith at 970-3104.

Mr. Huja stated that the Court Square Project is moving forward. Two major hurdles are getting easements from property owners, and VDOT Review. If everything goes well, the bid for the project should be out by the end of June. Mr. Beliles indicated that next year is the 200th anniversary of the buildings around Court Square. It would be appropriate to celebrate that along with the Court Square Project.

Mr. Huja informed the committee, that Saturday, May 11th would be the Lewis and Clark Festival in Lee Park.

There was a discussion of the next set of historic markers. Mr. Beliles indicated that one of them would be Jefferson School. Mr. Beliles also stated that there could be a marker for George Gilmer, founder of Albemarle Minute Man and a member of the State Legislator. He also suggested a possible marker for John Harvey, signer of Article of Confederation, also a marker for Madison Hall, which was the first college YMCA in the United States. Mr. Ford suggested a sign for Brooks Hall, which he thought was the first Natural History Museum in the United States. Ms. Caperton inquired about the local marker on George Rogers Clark, near the University.

Mr. Britton gave the current status the of tour book. He stated that he is pleased to inform that the book has now been completed. There was a discussion of how many copies should be printed and it was agreed that we should have at least 2,000 – 5,000 or as many as we can get printed from Lexus. Mr. Huja indicted that he would like to have 500 – 1,000 copies for the City. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the price of the book would be \$6.95.

Mr. Huja stated that he would follow up on the appointment of Mark Shore and Jenny Keller to the Historic Resources Task Force.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm. The next meeting will be June 12, 2002.

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Edgar Allan Poe
1809-1849
by Winston Churchill Gooding

Edgar Allan Poe was born January 19, 1809 and died on October 7, 1849. Poe was an outstanding poet and was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Poe was sent to the University of Virginia by his foster father in 1826. At the University of Virginia Poe attended the school of Ancient and Modern Languages but remained at the University for one term.

Poe was always determined to pursue a literary career and his first volume Tamerlane and other poems were published in 1827. Poe began to write prose and he published "Metzengerstein" in January 1832.

In December of 1836 Poe had published 83 reviews, six poems, four essays, and three stories. Some of Poe's great works include "The Raven," "Annabel Lee," "Ulalume," and "For Annie and Eldorado."

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917 Rugby Road

The Nobel Laureate writer, William Faulkner, resided in this house during his appointment as a writer-in-residence with the English Department at the University of Virginia between 1957 and 1958. During this period, Faulkner led a number of group conferences with students and staff and held several public readings. Faulkner enjoyed the Albemarle County social circuit and frequently attended horse races and hunts. Faulkner continued his association with the University of Virginia as an occasional lecturer until his death in 1962.

Sources:

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From: RHBritton@aol.com
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Date: Tue, 12 Mar 2002 15:43:55 EST
Subject: HRTFC Information!

Dear Mark--

I'll be out of town tomorrow, Wednesday, and unfortunately won't be able to make the HRTFC meeting. I enclose below my report on the status of the Guidebook--now the "Historic Charlottesville Tour Book"--plus two of my marker write-ups. Looking forward to seeing you again soon, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Rick Britton

• Historic Charlottesville Tour Book - I have to admit that the task was a bit larger than I had previously imagined. Nonetheless, we have just completed two correction passes (on the text and Mr. Herndon's beautiful maps). Volunteers have now taken our 10 tours (special thanks to Helena Devereaux from the committee) and all that remains is: making the corrections (mostly to the directions) found by the tour-takers; taking approx. 40 photos; finishing the cover; adding in a glossary of architectural terms. Whew!

•The Occupation of Charlottesville
by Rick Britton

Sheridan Head Quarter

During the Civil War Charlottesville was captured on March 3, 1865 by a 10,000-man cavalry force commanded by Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan. Many Federal regiments camped around homes north of town, including: 427 Park St., Meadlands at 1035 Park St., and Locust Grove at 810 Locust Ave. Sheridan used the houses at 408 and 522 Park St. as headquarters, while Brig. Gen. George Armstrong Custer, briefly occupied The Farm at 1201 East Jefferson. During the 3-day stay the Woolen Mills and the railroad bridge over the Rivanna River were burned and many area homes were sacked. (99 words)

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•Capture of Daniel Boone
by Rick Britton

During the Revolution, Daniel Boone was in Charlottesville (May 28 to June 4, 1781) representing a western county that later became part of Kentucky. Charlottesville was the temporary state capital, during that period, because the British had chased the legislature from Richmond. When, on June 4, British Col. Banastre Tarleton's raiders galloped into town, most of the assemblymen escaped. Boone was captured when fellow patriot Jack Jouett referred to him as "Captain" within earshot of an English officer. Boone was released the next day after lying that he had held the rank in Lord Dunmore's pre-war state militia. (99 words)

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