

**HISTORIC RESOURCE TASK FORCE**

*October 9, 2002*

*3:30 P.M.*

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**Reviewed By:** Gary O'Connell, City Manager

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## 2. State Historic Markers

Drafting text and raising funds for 8 state-approved historical markers for the following places:

- a. Three Notched Road – on the mall
- b. Old Stone Tavern/Central Hotel – on Market Street
- c. Woolen Mills – in the Belmont neighborhood
- d. Charlottesville General Hospital – near the University corner
- e. General Vandergrift – at Jackson park
- f. The Farm – on E. Jefferson Street
- g. Georgia O’Keefe – on Wertland Street
- h. Buck v. Bell – on Preston Street
- i. In the next couple years there will be markers erected for the confederate cemetery near UVA, Edgar Allen Poe, Williams Faulkner, and Penn Park.

## 3. Local Historic markers

- a. Vinegar Hill
- b. Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- c. University Corner
- d. Another half dozen have been drafted and will erected this coming year around Court Square

## 4. Court Square Enhancements

Proposing and assisting in the planning of renovations of Court Square so that this oldest and most historic part of our city may be appropriately featured and enjoyed and used by local citizens, festivals, etc., but also that it may be a better destination point for tourists and visitors to our area. Over 2 million dollars has been raised and designated for these enhancements, which are scheduled to begin within the next few months. The oldest part of the courthouse will be 200 years old next year and we are planning to celebrate this with an appropriate ceremony as soon as renovations are complete.

## 5. Historic Exhibits

Developing other exhibits of local history such as at the train station on Main Street

## 6. Historic Preservation Advocacy

Speaking out as advocates and suggesting ideas for other important preservation such as the old jail, Maplewood cemetery, the Jefferson School, etc.

7. Festivals

Assisting in educational festivals and programs that celebrate our local history such as the Jeffersonian Thanksgiving Festival, the Lewis and Clark Festival, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary program for George Rogers Clark, etc.

8. Coordination with other historic groups

Assisting on other committees such as Downtown for the Holidays, and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Visitor Center to develop and promote other cultural programs, maps, web-sites, etc. that draw attention to the rich culture of Charlottesville.

**Budgetary Impacts:** The City of Charlottesville spends approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year for this committee. This includes the cost historic and state markers, exhibits and educational material.

**Recommendations:** Not Applicable