

Historic Resources Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2005

Members present:

Mark Beliles

Douglas Day

Gennie Keller

Mary Hill Caperton

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

It was decided to move the meetings to the second Tuesday at noon at Mark Beliles' office at 609 E. Market Street, Suite 114. [NOTE: the meeting day was later changed by Mark to the FIRST Tuesday of the month, due to a scheduling conflict.]

Douglas Day discussed a possible HRTF website. He noted that Cinder Stanton's Social History group at Monticello set up a discussion forum on the web. He said the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society had a joint discussion forum at albemarlehistry.org

He also noted websites for tinyurl.com and freebb.com
Paypal charges 30cents an item plus 10% of purchase price.

Mary Joy will find out when the City's website will be redesigned.

The committee decided the following items should be added to a new HRTF web site:

Home page

Contact information

Members list

Announcements

Mission statement – goals

Summary of achievements:

 Past projects and future projects or programs

Text of all historical markers

Tour book

Court Square and photos

Future goals

Douglas Day recommended Joey Conover at La Pepa Designs to design the website for approximately \$250.

Mary Joy will suggest that the fountain marker at Court Square be set in the pavement, and will find out where Huja got the building markers.

Mary Joy will contact Jeff Werner and remind him that the HRTF would like to participate in the Monticello Wine Company marker dedication.

Notes (Minutes?) of Historic Resources Task Force, April 13, 2005

Members present: Mark Beliles, Mary Hill Caperton, Douglas Day, Winston Churchill Gooding, Genievue Keller, Helena Devereaux

- ✓ Discussion of Fountain marker at Court Square. Historic Society will make a web inquiry to see if anyone knows more about the uses of the fountains in the past.
 - ✓ State Markers planned that need funds earmarked for them from the city: McGuffey, Pen Park. The winery marker already has funding?
 - ✓ A date needs to be established for a dedication of Court Square renovations. Mary Joy needs to find out the status of this.
 - ✓ It was suggested that we ask Maurer to write an article about the Task Force around the time of the dedication.
 - ✓ It was suggested that we discuss more ways to tell stories of our community's history.
 - ✓ It was suggested that we have our own website to chronicle what we are doing as a committee (or else get us pages on either the city's or the historical society's website).
- Discussion of other ways of reaching the community.
- It was suggested that we learn more about the west main street projects.
- ✓ It was decided that we will move our monthly lunch meetings to Tuesdays. (starting in June it works out with Mary Joy and others).

June 20, 2006

Mayor David E. Brown
City of Charlottesville
P.O. Box 911
Charlottesville, Virginia

RE: Historic Resources Task Force

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of the City's Historic Resources Task Force (HRTF), an organization that was created by City Council in 1998 "to promote and help develop the historic resources of the community." The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

The Task Force achieves its mission through:

- Education
- Public commemoration (historic plaques, signs, markers, and civic festivals and ceremonies)
- Publications (maps, brochures, tour books, and digital media)
- Public meetings (planning sessions, workshops, and lectures)
- And through other means.

The HRTF members include Mark Beliles, Chair, Mary Hill Caperton, Douglas Day, Helena Devereux, Winston Churchill Gooding, Genevieve Keller, Mark Shore and Ingrid Smyer-Kelly. The HRTF is supported with a small annual budget from the City.

The HRTF is probably best known for locating new State and local historic markers around the City, and for publishing with the Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society the *Historic Charlottesville Tour Book*. However, the HRTF would like to take a more active role in promoting the City's resources.

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June 7, 2005
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon

Members present:

Mark Beliles
Douglas Day
Mary Hill Caperton
Helena Devereux
Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Mary Hill Caperton noted that one of the markers at Court Square is broken.

Mark Beliles called the meeting to order.

The minutes from May 11, 2005 were approved.

Mark said we need to confirm whether this date works for everyone. Mark will call Winston.

Helena asked about a goals discussion. To recruit new members she said we need a clear discussion of goals. We also need a list of things done in the past and new projects for the future.

Mary Hill Caperton asked staff to send everyone the old mission statement and old goals. She also asked about a narrative of past accomplishments. She noted Gennie Keller's suggestions for new goals.

Helena said we need to get beyond working on markers. Suggestions from the group included: our primary responsibility should be coordinating with City groups like BAR, Urban Design, neighborhood associations, Parks and Recreation. First priority are City groups, 2nd priority are non-governmental organizations.

Other people active in Preservation Piedmont: Ben Ford, Julie Gronlund, Liz Sargeant, Jean Hiatt should be considered for HRTF members.

Winston Gooding suggested asking Maurice Jones to come interview us for publicity.

Douglas Day asked staff for an updated list of neighborhood associations.

Winston suggested an annual event such as annual awards for appreciation or a brown bag to showcase what HRTF is doing.

Regarding updating the Preservation Plan, Gennie should talk to the Mayor.
We need to build the HRTF group to undertake that project. Mary Hill said particularly with those trained in preservation or planning. [Note: Mary Joy later found that the BAR is charged with updating the Preservation Plan.]

Douglas Day talked about Visitor Center films – he will contact Mike Shore to find out who makes them.

Everyone should email Mark to contribute individual ideas and we will discuss again at the next meeting.

Mark talked with Coy Barefoot and he will attend the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.