

HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE
Tuesday August 2, 2005
Noon – 1:00 p.m.
609 East Market Street Suite 114

1. Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2005
2. Review original charge and past projects
3. Future Directions – Prepare list of proposed tasks
4. Web Site
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

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Historic Resources Task Force
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2005
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon

May minutes

Members present:

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

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 albemarlehistory.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. There was discussion of the McGuffey marker – possibly to be located at the end of the alley near Pavillion IX.

Mary Joy will contact Huja to find out who he contacts at UVA for placement of markers there.

Gennie mentioned that she would like to see some interpretation on Belmont bridge.

Huja may have photos of past events, such as the tour of markers around Court Square.

Stephanie Smith did the press releases and invitations – perhaps she kept a log?

In honor of preservation Month, there will be a speaker from Poplar Forest at the Senior center on May 24 at 6 pm. Sara Lee Barnes is the Chair of the County Historic Preservation Committee, who is organizing that event. libassoc@virginia.edu
Mary Joy is to contact her and send regrets for not participating, saying there was not enough notice.

Regarding a possible update of the City's 1993 Historic Preservation Plan, Gennie is willing to chair that effort. She suggested getting involved in neighborhood association newsletters. We could schedule a time each month. First we need to get authorization by contacting Jim Tolbert again. The HRTF wants to be formally tasked by City Council to update the Historic Preservation Plan over the next year.

Gennie suggested asking Jean Hiatt to help, ~~also~~ ^{also} Kaye Halsey and Coy Barefoot. Mark Beliles said he would try to contact Coy Barefoot. *also Mary Hill suggested.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15p.m.

At the April meeting, Mark asked us to develop lists of some things the Task Force might address. Here is my unedited list in no particular priority order. Totally off the top of my head and possibly over the top, too.

Gennie

Continue state and local marker program, looking for other just as appropriate but alternative ways to identify and honor sites and individuals (publications, poster series, internet, exhibits, films, etc.) try to involve those associated with each site or individuals, investigate ordering and installing National Register plaques for all city districts and encourage privately listed properties to display theirs; provide a link to the NR website for our city listings

Coordinate with other city groups-the Department, BAR, Urban Design, neighborhood associations, Parks and Rec and local NGOs-Historical Soc., PP, APVA, Garden Clubs, Website, consider a film on local history with city assistance (Maurice Jones and others who worked on Jefferson School film?)-to play on internet and to play in lobby of city hall and other public places, could be used with sister cities, at schools, for ec development, etc.

Help to publicize events of others above-ie. Hist Soc events, APVA tours, PP programs

Look for non-traditional ways and places to engage citizens/visitors in our history such as the following:

City Hall lobby

City schools and playgrounds

New transit center

Buses

Trollies

Posters

Events

Paramount

MLK Performing Art Center

City-owned cemeteries

Spearhead update of Preservation Plan as part of Comp Plan; develop concept of interpretive plan as part of Preservation Plan; Develop proposal and find funding for an interpretive plan

Look for ways to get others to do part of our work, ie developers of new buildings or rehabilitations-interpretation inside and out-what used to be, people and events assoctd-work to encourage this whenever there is demolition o r substantial change, work with local schools, churches, and other organizations to encourage histories or to share ones already done-web links

Give some insights into 19th and 20th century Charlottesville as well as the "Jeffersonian" through interpretation on downtown mall and West Main; is there a way to add interpretation to the city corridors?

Develop a theme list of trends/movements/ stories/places/people/groups, etc. to investigate and decide how best to interpret

Maybe a "how things work" for Cville-water, gas, railroads, streetcars, automobiles, phones, parking lots and garages, industries such as Woolen Mill and Ix Silk Mill, public recreation-when did we get these what was life like before, how did the transitions occur?

Acknowledge city responsibility for its role in segregation and Massive Resistance; work with Jefferson School group(s) to address this part of our history

Meet once a year with each neighborhood-even relatively new ones have histories
Neighborhood walks/front porch events to talk about history, invite in oldtimers to tell stories to new ones, let new ones tell their coming to Cville stories

Do a film on Court Square-that addresses its colorful past and role as first "urban renewal-type" project in Charlottesville to complement the sanitized version on the ground; tie into groups that have done films and theater projects for Vinegar Hill

Coordinate with CIP-get involved with projects like the Belmont Bridge, West Main St beautification or whatever it is, the Mall rehabilitation, Meadowcreek Parkway if it happens (although I still hope not), park redesigns before they happen-make history part of the program in an integral way-Belmont Bridge and West Main could be "history walks" as well as aesthetic enhancements

2007!!!! 2008, and 2018-Jamestown tie-ins

What happened to the jail? Is it still on our plate?

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date: 7 February 2000

Action Required: Review and Approval for Public Agenda

Staff Contacts: Satyendra Singh Huja, Director of Strategic Planning *S.S.H.*

Reviewed By: Gary O'Connell, City Manager

Title: Historic Resource Task Force Status Report

Background: City Council appointed Historic Resource Task force in December of 1997 to better utilize historic resources of the community. The task force contains thirteen members from a broad spectrum of the community with knowledge of the City's historic resources. This group has been meeting monthly and has been involved in a variety of projects and activities.

The original charge for the task force was as follows:

- The development of heritage walking tours by private entrepreneurs and/or other organizations.
- Cultural events such as the Jefferson Thanksgiving, Colonial Christmas.
- Educational programs for adults and/or children, through the schools and other organizations, including community archaeology to learn the history of native Americans, colonial and civil war periods in Charlottesville.
- Historical plaques, sculptures or other public exhibits in public places and private businesses.
- Development of signs to identify historic buildings and sites related to individuals who contributed to local, regional or national history.
- Promotion or creation of museums or permanent exhibits of cultural history.

Their current projects include State Historic Markers, Local Historic Markers, Local History Exhibits, Court Square Enhancement Projects and Booklet on local history.

Discussion: Jim Wootton co-chair, of the task force will be presenting the status report on the activities of the group which will include the following:

State Highway Historic Marker Program

Two markers installed in 1999

Stone Tavern

Three-Notch'd Road

Two markers planned for 2000
Charlottesville Woolen Mills
Charlottesville General Hospital

Local History Markers

For 1999

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
First Baptist Church, West Main Street

For 2000

The Corner
Vinegar Hill

Local History Exhibit at the AMTRAK Station
Participation in the Court Square Enhancement Project
Task Force Members' Participation in Local History Events
Albemarle County Historical Society Spirit Walk and Twilight Tours
Jeffersonian Day of Thanksgiving
Downtown Walking Tour by ACHS and Preservation Piedmont

Budgetary Impact: The state historic markers cost approximately \$1500 per marker. The task force has been trying to place two historic markers every year. Local historic markers cost \$1000 per marker per year. The task force hopes to do two markers per year. The task force is also preparing a permanent historic display at the Union Train Station, which will cost about \$1000. There may be an additional expense of up to \$1000 for miscellaneous activities.

Recommendations: Staff recommend continuation of this task force as it is successfully working on its charge and many activities still need to be accomplished.

Attachments:

Task Force Membership

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