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

1. Approval of Minutes – October 4, 2005
2. Court Square Dedication preparations
3. New Orleans speaker
4. Future Directions – Prepare list of proposed tasks to entice new members
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

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Historic Resources Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2005  
609 E. Market Street Suite 114  
12:00 Noon

Members present:

Mark Beliles

Mary Hill Caperton

Douglas Day

Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Gennie Keller

Helena Devereux

Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

Mark Beliles called the meeting to order. He asked for corrections to the minutes. Gennie Keller found three typos.

Douglas Day said Pooh Johnson's name was misspelled. He moved approved of the amended minutes.

Mark Beliles seconded. The minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

Mark said FYI, the Thanksgiving Festival is coming up. There is an article in today's C-ville in the Downtown holidays tabloid.

Regarding Court Square dedication preparations, Mary Joy should send the invitation as an attachment to Douglas Day – he will email it to his board. Ingrid will also email a list of people to invite.

Channel 29 will film the dedication ceremony live.

Mary Joy showed a draft invitation and asked about the order of speakers.

Mary Hill will call David Simpson at the C&O about refreshments - 50 people maximum?

Ingrid asked how long it will last? Dedication – 20 min; reception to follow.

Mark will have historic people in costume. Period dancing will follow the dedication ceremony.

Douglas Day asked if the street will be closed.

Mark said on Saturday only. He also noted there will be a gun firing and a bagpiper. This will be the kick off for the Thanksgiving Festival from Nov 19-26. At 7:30 is the Jefferson revolutionary ball. See [Jeffersonthanksgiving.org](http://Jeffersonthanksgiving.org).

Regarding the Dedication of Court Square, the event will take place on Friday November 18 at 6 pm. It will be a 30 minute ceremony outside the old courthouse with a few speakers and a ribbon cutting. It will also serve as a kick off for the annual Thanksgiving Festival.

Mary Joy and Mark did some planning – there may be refreshments.

Douglas Day will provide a podium and loudspeaker.

Mark Beliles said we will need permission from the County to go into the Courthouse if there is foul weather.

A location for the reception was discussed, possibly Court Square Tavern, Swan Tavern Red Land Club.

Someone suggested asking Poo Johnson if we could use her space at 224 Court Square. Mary Joy will call her.

Mark Beliles suggested that the Historical Society should have a tour around the Square.

Ingrid said we need to spread the word.

Mark beliles said we could ask those responding if they are interested in taking a tour.

Douglas Day suggested getting to the WCAV folks to do a live broadcast. Mark said he had talked to Channel 29 news about it.

Douglas Day said the dedication is an opportunity for the Historic Resources Task Force to put this organization into context: Mission Statement and markers

When grants came we were involved to consult on renovation. We are proud to say the job is finally done. A charette got it started. Get with David Maurer a couple of weeks in advance – to publish the Sunday before the dedication. Mark Beliles will contact him.

This committee could help with practical things.

Ingrid will work on getting a display table for the event, so that the Historic resources Task Force can display items they have worked on: copies of the book and photos of markers.

Preservation Piedmont and the Historical Society could also have displays.

Mary Hill will work with Mary Joy on the reception.

Mary Joy will mail the mission statement to the other members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Mark suggested that he should speak last on the program. Forward the invitation document of all HRTF members and the list of invited people.

Douglas will set up the podium and PA system – where?

Mark said to the side – the sign will be wrapped up for the ribbon cutting.

Mary Joy asked who will cut the ribbon? The Mayor and the County person probably.

Douglas asked if the Presidents will be there and perhaps they should help.

There was a side discussion about Thomas Walker. It was noted that Thomas Walker and Martha Jefferson will attend.

Ingrid will take care of the flowers, tables and cloths.

Mark asked about getting books from the historical society.

Mary Joy and Mary Hill will arrange for food. Mary Joy will call Pooh. To meet there at 224 Court Square.

Mark discussed the Mission Statement. Change “electronic” to “digital.”

Mary Hill said the statement should go on the web site.

Douglas suggested a tiny url: HRTF.org?

Mary Hill suggested using the City seal and the rendering of the Court Square project.

Douglas suggested a montage of all different pictures including historic markers. Click on thumbnails. Mission statement; list of committee members; “under construction – more to come.”

Mark said Douglas should do a domain search for a short name.

Mary Hill moved, and Gennie seconded to adopt a mission statement.

Mark said Dec 4 is the Preservation Piedmont annual meeting. Mary Joy will send details.

Helena said there will be opportunity for additional speakers and discussion. Later, every 2 months or so, would like to see more of a “neighborhood up” expression, not just a “talk down” discussion. People have strong feelings – need neighborhoods to be respected.

Douglas Day said Mary Joy has heard from Jane Covington. She rehabbed 505 Ridge Street, and now has another property in Fifeville. She wants to help get tax credits through historic designation. Douglas told her to apply through the historical society, like Lynne Rainville did to do the slave cemetery at Brown’s Cove. He told Jane that he would bring it up to the Task Force.

Also, the current president of Alliance Francaise said they will be involved in the 2006 National Commemoration of the Battle of Yorktown. Charlottesville is connected through Jack Jouett. She will be sending information. The date will be October 16, 2006. A lot of reenactment s and walking tours, etc.

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

**From:** "Helena Devereux" <hwd@cstone.net>  
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**Subject:** thinking about New Orleans

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Mark,

At the HRTF meeting on Tues. we talked for a few minutes about the hurricane damage in the Gulf states which, as Mary Joy said, is on every one's mind.

The rebuilding in New Orleans and the other communities will raise a lot of questions for preservationists. As I mentioned on Tues., I've been wondering:

- what will happen to the modest structures? Often contractors say that it's cheaper to demolish a modest structure than to rehabilitate. Will we lose large areas of modest, but architecturally interesting, structures?
- will we see rehab mainly for the wealthy? What will happen to the social fabric if that happens? New Orleans is already being criticized for leaving the poor behind.
- to what extent can historic preservation provide opportunities to strengthen a sense of community? Can it help to draw people together and encourage a community to think about a shared past and a common future?
- how will the costs of rebuilding be distributed and who will decide how to distribute them?
- how do the general issues raised by these questions apply to Charlottesville and our area?

You asked me to write down a few of the points we mentioned on Tues. Maybe you have others which should be included.

There was interest in having the HRTF work with other groups (eg. Preservation Piedmont) to sponsor a speaker who could provide information about preservation issues in the Gulf area in the aftermath of Katrina and talk about possible implications for Charlottesville. I hope we can work it out.

Helena