

**HISTORIC RESOURCES TASK FORCE**  
**Tuesday September 12, 2006**  
**Noon – 1:00 p.m.**  
**609 East Market Street Suite 114**

1. Approval of Minutes – August 1, 2006
2. Annual Plan Discussion
3. Updates:  
Fall Preservation Groups Meeting – Thursday September 14, 2006  
Name Change to City Council – Monday September 18, 2006
5. Other Business
6. Adjourn

NOTE: You can park in the Market Street Parking Garage. Stamp your ticket for two hours free in the Neighborhood Development Services lobby seating area.

**Mission Statement**

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force was charged 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, therefore, 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.

Historic Resources Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2006  
609 E. Market Street Suite 114  
12:00 Noon

Members present were: Mark Beliles, Chair, Helena Devereux, and Genevieve Keller.  
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

12:05 The Chair called the meeting to order.

The group considered the minutes. Mark corrected p. 2 second line from the bottom- he said a lot of research has been done in the tour books [Mark brought tour books to the meeting to reference any potential marker sites.]

Helena noted a correction of Mary Hill's name on p. 1.

She said the Burley School paragraph is not clear – add “from the Alumni Association.”

There were several other corrections to the minutes.

Helena moved to adopt them as corrected. Mark seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Joy said the fall preservation meeting is scheduled at Cloverfields on September 14.

Gennie asked if the City Planning Commission would be involved. Mary Joy said no; their regular meeting had been moved to September 14 due to a concert in the Pavilion on their regular meeting date. [The Planning Commission meeting was moved again to September 13; so the Planning Commission members were sent invitations.]

Mark asked if the Task Force's name would be changed by then.

Mary Joy said no, but it would be changed in the Comprehensive Plan. [The name change is scheduled to be heard by City council on September 18.]

Helena said we need to put together in the next few months an action plan for 2007.

Gennie asked when we should submit a plan for the budget?

Mary Joy was not certain, but thought February.

Helena suggested some ideas for the plan:

- Historic marker priorities, which ones in which years?
- Displays on buses, etc. (raising awareness of history);
- Contacts with other preservation groups during the year;
- Ideas for the old jail.

Helena moved approval, and Gennie seconded, to make an additional change on p. 3 of the July minutes from "destruction of the courthouse" to "the accidental collapse of a wall at the Juvenile Court Building." The motion passed unanimously.

Helena suggested a subcommittee could spend more time on proposals than the whole group, then could bring their ideas back to the whole group.

Gennie said others may join the subcommittee from outside our group.

Mark asked if the subcommittee would be ongoing and working all year?

Helena said a subcommittee on proposed markers would probably be involved all year. She said it would be nice to have a link with the schools.

Mark said we should make contact with the County Historic Preservation Committee to ask if they have discussed uses for the old jail.

Mary Joy said it would be nice to get work done before the Preservation Group meeting on September 14.

Mark suggested making our September meeting an annual planning meeting.

Helena said she would be on the subcommittee for the Annual Plan, and could do a skeleton of a plan. Could the subcommittee meet before September on a skeleton plan?

Mark said a skeleton plan is good and he would be glad to meet with Helena before September. He said he would be gone a week.

Helena said she would email a skeleton plan to Mark and asked him to be very direct in his comments.

Mark said he would email it to others in case anyone wants to work with Helena on the subcommittee. He said having subcommittees working outside our regular meetings, and having the structure of a plan would be helpful.

Gennie said in the recent Preservation Piedmont minutes Dan Bluestone noted the importance of National Register District markers. She said she would work on that aspect of Helena's committee.

Mark said he could work on suggestions for the old jail.

He said we need to develop our web site.

Gennie said she is not up to speed digitally. She asked the date of the next meeting. She could put together ideas for publications and events.

Mark asked if that included coordination with other groups?

Mark asked Mary Joy to find out if anything had been done regarding the jail use.

Helena asked if September 12 would be OK for our next meeting.

Mark said yes, send out a notice to see if it is OK for everyone so we get a good showing.

Mark had a hand-out on the old jail and asked for comments.

Helena said that recreating an 18<sup>th</sup> century setting would be confusing because it was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She suggested focusing on civil rights rather than "freedom," which is a very large concept. Maybe some other specific concepts. The legal history of church and state is very interesting.

Gennie said it would be a good connection to the First Amendment Monument. There may be other groups to partner with.

Gennie agrees with Helena, she doesn't want to confuse time periods.

Helena said she likes the idea of having people come in and out (sandwich stop) in addition to the educational purpose.

Genie said she is not sure you want to encourage more activities around Court Square – the courts are in use, and North Downtown is a residential area. A lunchtime sandwich shop would be OK. What does the zoning allow?

Mark asked for other comments on the old jail.

Helena said it is a wonderful idea to develop the educational purpose – how many men and women were there, for what reason? How were blacks and whites housed?

Helena said she would prepare a skeletal plan for 2007. She will look for Huja's list of possible historic markers both local and state. She agreed the last time to look for more information on Fairfax Taylor.

Mark confirmed the next meeting will be September 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

**September 14 RSVP's**

**Yes**

**Marcia Joseph (PC)**

**Mary Joy Scala (BAR staff)**

**Isabelle McLean and husband**

**Chauncey Hutter and wife (APVA)**

**Kat Imhoff and John Moore (Monticello and PEC)**

**Clara Wheeler**

**Jamie Gibson and wife (HPC)**

**Val Matthews (So Alb historic district)**

**Bill Beiswanger (please note spelling!)**

**Heather Dollins**

**Kate Hinckley**

**Jack Robertson (ACHS + TJ Foundation)**

**Bill and Jenny Adams **Bill will speak for City BAR****

**Bessie Carter**

**Ed and Betty Imhoff**

**Catherine Redfeam**

**Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morris (PC)**

**Morgan Butler (representing David Carr, SELC)**

**Jared Loewenstein**

**Wade Tremblay (BAR)**

**Jim Tolbert (City Dir. NDS)**

- **Genevieve Keller (HRTF; PP; APVA) **Genevieve will speak for statewide APVA****

**Deborah Murdoch**

- **Helena Devereux (HRTF)**

**Margaret and Bill Anderson**

**Anne Coles**

**Doris Coles**

**Aaron and Gillian Wunsch **Aaron will speak for Preservation Piedmont****

**Jennifer and Gardiner Hallock **Jennifer will speak for Southern Albemarle Historic District****

**Caroline Merrick**

- **Douglas Day (He said there will be 2-3 ACHS attendees plus 2 board members)**

**Emily Painter**

**Shirley and Robert French**

**Kathleen Kilpatrick**

**Candace Smith & guest**

**Paul Wright & guest**

**Margaret O'Bryant**

**Brian Broadus (PP)**

**Ross Stevens (PP)**

**Possibly Ann Carter representing African-American Genealogy Group**

**Ken Boyd (AC BOS)**

**Brian Hogg (BAR)**

**Mayor David Brown and Jean Hiatt**

**Eryn and Jay Brennan (City Preservation staff)**

**Peter Taylor**

**Charlottes Dammann**

**Jeff Werner**

**Rand Wentworth**

**Sally Thomas**

**Margaret Maliszewski**

**Sara Lee Barnes**

**Garth Anderson**

*Mark Beliles*

**Taylor Walk was built for YOUR use! Please use this pedestrian walkway as much as possible so it's not lost due to lack of interest**

Taylor Walk and the Taylor Memorial honors Fairfax Taylor, who was born into slavery in 1816 and became the first black landowner in the area when he purchased a 2.5 acre parcel in 1869. The hospital, MJANA, and descendants of Fairfax Taylor cooperated in the construction of the monument placed at the pedestrian connector between Lexington and Locust.

The walkway closely follows the path of what was Taylor Street, the southern boundary of our early neighborhood. This street, along with houses along Taylor and St Charles, was bulldozed during the expansion of Martha Jefferson hospital in the early 1990s. The monument is on the eastern side Lexington Street at the entrance of the hospital service bay. The construction of Taylor Walk was a requirement placed on the Hospital by the Planning Commission when approving the demolition of Taylor Street and adjoining houses by Martha Jefferson Hospital. Its existence is the direct result of our neighborhood association's negotiations with the planning commission and city council. Commissioners ruled "That a safe pedestrian linkage be provided from Lexington to Locust Avenues, for the use of the neighborhood and visitors, as a condition of the closing of Taylor Street and St. Charles..."

The plaque marking Taylor Walk, purchased by MJANA, reads "The Martha Jefferson Hospital and Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association commemorates the Taylor family after whom Taylor Street and Taylor Walk, which winds through Martha Jefferson Hospital, are named. The land was originally part of a 2.5 acre parcel purchased in 1869 by Fairfax Taylor 1816-1895. A former slave, who bought his freedom and was the first black land owner in this area. Another member of the family, James T. S. Taylor 1840-1918 was active in politics and a delegate to the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1867. Both were prominent members of the First Baptist Church and the community. As of this date, their descendants live on family land in one of the three original Taylor houses. (Dedicated 1993)"

Unstated on the plaque is the enormous effort by MJANA early members to preserve our neighborhood as a safe, pleasant residential area in spite of the Hospital's encroachment into residential streets and the city's decisions to support hospital growth north of the E. High St. corridor by regularly rezoning viable houses from residential to business use.

State Highway Markers in Charlottesville

City of Charlottesville  
Charlottesville General Hospital  
First Baptist Church, West Main Street [Q16]  
Jack Jouett's Ride  
James Monroe's First Farm, Site of University of Virginia  
Monticello [located at Court Sq - E. Jefferson/ Park Street]  
President Monroe's Local Homes [Market Street? - Not official]  
Stone Tavern and Central Hotel [Market Street near 5<sup>th</sup>]  
Tarleton's Oak  
Technical Sergeant Frank D. Peregory [G27 - Rt. 29 /University Ave.]  
Three Notch'd Road [was located east end of the Downtown pedestrian mall]  
University of Virginia  
Gen. Alexander Archer Vandegrift  
Charlottesville Woolen mills  
Monticello Wine Company [Q 31 McIntire/ Perry]  
Georgia O'Keefe  
The Farm [Q 27]  
Edgar Allen Poe [McCormick Rd]

Local Markers in Charlottesville

Inge's Grocery  
Vinegar Hill  
Mt. Zion Baptist  
Court Square (6)  
UVA Corner  
(go three minutes)

## **Huja, Satyendra**

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**From:** Connie Warnock [cpw7k@virginia.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2001 9:51 AM  
**To:** huja@charlottesville.org  
**Cc:** hughes, mary  
**Subject:** UVA & Historic Markers

Greetings Mr. Huja,

Mary outlined the following process for markers on the grounds of the University.

1. University Architect's office reviews submissions for design, layout and placement. Our office also coordinates the request with other interested parties. For example, any installation in the Academical Village would require review by Murray Howard. There are potentially many others, including our Landscape, Utility, Parking and Transportation departments.
2. The office of the University President reviews submissions for content.
3. The Rector of the BOV reviews prior to submitting to...
4. To Sandy Gilliam and the Board of Visitors for final approval. There is a Board resolution for historical plaques & markers.

Based on previous experience, it would be impossible to estimate the time required for such a process. Naturally, the time line increases with the number of interested parties and many, many other factors.

Please let me know if you have additional questions,  
Connie

Connie Warnock

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# City of Charlottesville

## Memo



**TO:** City Council  
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors  
Court Facilities Study Committee

**FROM:** Historic Resources Task Force

**DATE:** September 1, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Historic County Jail

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The Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force is a volunteer group of citizens appointed by City Council that is responsible for identifying and promoting historical and cultural resources in our community.

At the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Task Force a resolution was moved and unanimously approved to express our desire to see the old county jail, jailer's house and wall preserved and used in a manner that compliments both the ongoing legal functions and the historical area for tourists.

We believe that it is an important historic resource and should be preserved. Please find attached a copy of the resolution of the Task Force entitled: "Recommendation for the Historic County Jail."

We hope that you will give this recommendation your serious consideration. We stand ready to assist you in any way that we can. Please feel free to contact Mr. Mark Beliles, Chairman of the Historic Resources Task Force or Mr. Satyendra Singh Huja, Director of Strategic Planning.

Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Gary O'Connell  
Bob Tucker  
Linda, Peacock  
Bill Letteri

# *Recommendation for the Historic County Jail*

*by the*

## *Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force:*

Courthouse squares and jails have long been valued as primary historic sites and key elements of the local civic and judicial landscape. They provided a dignified setting for the administration of justice and a space, both literal and symbolic, for the democratic assembly of citizens. The jails underscored the gravity of the public business that took place in the court. Preserving and appreciating historic courthouses without affording similar protectioned attention to historic courthouse squares and jails, promotes a fragmentary and disjointed understanding of history. It deprives the community of an important venue for taking measure of the full history and current structure of our local judicial system.

**The old Albemarle county jail** located in the historic district of Court Square was built in the 1870s and is **one of the few structures that still survives from the 19<sup>th</sup> century** in downtown Charlottesville. It **also** is a building that is **associated with the public legal and cultural history of the area and therefore has more importance than other 19<sup>th</sup> century structures** that may have been used merely as private homes or businesses.

It is also located geographically close to the other few surviving 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings soon to be enhanced by the City so that the public may appreciate this historic area more fully. For these reasons, it seems appropriate that the County not only preserve the jail from being demolished in the plan to expand the court facilities, but that it also help renovate and feature the historic jail in a manner that encourages the public to use and appreciate it.

We believe that the property can be not only preserved and restored for historical reasons, but with creative reuse it can also become an economic asset to the County and downtown area. If we can together increase the number of tourist attractions in the area, we can increase the average stay of a tourist, which would increase hotel stays, as well as sales of food, and retail sales, and the collection of all applicable taxes. The City of Charlottesville has already committed itself to enhancing historic Court Square and a budget of 1.2 million dollars has been established for this purpose. As a major property owner in the historic district of the downtown area, it is appropriate that Albemarle County also be a part of the revitalization of this portion of Charlottesville's history.

**The Charlottesville Historic Resources Task Force recommends that the old jail be saved and used in a manner that complements both the ongoing legal functions and the historical area for tourists.** We are aware of various individuals and companies who are making exciting and practical proposals for the jail. We hope that the Board of Supervisors will seriously consider these (or a combination thereof) for the good of our community at large.