

**Historic Resource Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2007
609 E. Market Street Suite 114
12:00 Noon**

Members present were: Helena Devereux, Douglas Day, and Mark Beliles.
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

A guest, University of Virginia American Studies major, Mariah Underhill, was also present.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mark asked for other changes to the April 4 minutes. The word “someone” was changed to “Douglas” on page 1.

Douglas has several boxes of tour booklets

Douglas move to accept as written, with the change mentioned. Helena seconded. The April 4, 2007 minutes were unanimously approved.

Douglas had a request for funding. He said we had proposed to the Municipal Band that they perform music that was performed at the 1907 exposition at Hampton Roads. The music was recorded by Salisbury State College on CD. The fellow who arranged the music was a music scholar. He sent us music from 1807, 1857, and 1907.

Randy Cabell put together the music (he found a trumpet mouthpiece in the Jamestown dig) that might have been played at Jamestown. “The Trumpeters of Jamestown” was 1907 music that includes a Sousa march, is upbeat, celebratory, turn of century. It costs \$170. Steve Layman, director of the Municipal Band, got the music from Randy Cabell. Doug said he would request funding from the HPC. The Municipal Band would begin practice over summer. The plan is to play near Court Square. We still need a formal date – suggest an early October weekend or late Friday night. (Mark said to push a non-home football game weekend). Doug said the band concert could be the focus of an event; we could take it a number of ways such as opening it up to PAPA (Piedmont Area Preservation Association) or other preservation/conservation groups. Doug suggested we could all set up tables with presentations.

Doug proposed to close off streets: Park and Jefferson to 5th and 6th on October 5. There could be possible video documentation by the Lighthouse.

Mark worried there may be Fridays after 5 conflict. Need to look at Saturday October 6 as possible date.

Doug will talk to the band.

Helena brought up for discussion the process for applying for a state marker, and the process for setting up a city marker.

Someone said they thought there were 8 local markers, including 5 at Court Square, others at the Corner, Inges, Vinegar Hill, and Mt. Zion Baptist, which is now the Music Resource Center (was it knocked down?) Someone thought it had to be put up a 2nd time.

Mark asked if that wasn't the one – perhaps marker at the Corner was knocked down? It was confirmed that it was knocked down.

Doug asked who paid for the state markers, this committee, private, or DHR?

Mariah said the ACHS librarian said they were done privately. It was confirmed that some are done privately – but all come to HRC for approval.

Mark had question regarding event in fall. When you talk about a PAPA event, He doesn't see it as complex if we proposed this weekend. I'm in charge of public meetings. Mark asked why not our group taking the lead? He proposed that we do so; let's offer and see what we can do.

Doug so moved on behalf of all the committee. There was not a majority present to vote. Mary Joy can email others about spending money. Mark said he will contact Mary Hill, and if Mary Hill says yes, that would be a quorum, and we can start.

Mark showed the Jamestown book, *Tobacco, Corn and Caviar*, containing original documents.

Mark will call Mary Hill. If she approves approximately \$175 for music, Mary Joy will submit the Saturday date to PAPA, but first Doug has to confirm it with the band.

Helena and Doug agreed to spend money on band music.

Doug suggested 45 minutes for performance and speaker (Mark proposed a 2-3 hour window of time). Doug suggested near supertime, when dinners converge on mall, around 4-6 p.m.?

Mark asked if other groups want to suggest a speaker... if they are going to block off streets....

Doug suggested they may not need to close the streets. He also said, depending on displays, we could use more room if streets were closed. A lot of the reason for having this is to get people talking.

He said any reenactment events will draw a crowd.

Mark proposed Jeff Hantman talking about the history of Indians in this area.

Doug suggested getting Monacan Chief Branham; he is used to doing interpretive talks.

Mark asked to go back to discussing markers. Helena said we will be having a meeting and will have a report next time.

Mark is going to meet with Mariah tomorrow and give her a list.

Doug suggested we could expand web site, one page per marker. He said he would like to look at historical profiles of neighborhoods – there is a lot of information on Downtown; now Belmont and Woolen Mills.

Doug had nothing to report on digitizing the landmark survey, but had a question about the old jail. He talked to Sally Thomas – there is some interest among County Supervisors about doing something. They stabilized the walls. Sally wants to come up with a purpose. She has been talking about the County Historic Preservation Committee starting a museum in Crozet. There is a library now in the old RR depot in Crozet. There will be a new library in Crozet. The question was asked, what are they going to do with RR depot? Perhaps a museum, sort of like the old jail, but Western Albemarle- related. Steve Meeks will be Board president of ACHS next year.

He said the Historical Society does not have enough exhibit/storage space. The Historical Society could take responsibility to put up exhibits though. Someone suggested a permanent exhibit or rotating exhibit. Some were saying, “What about the jail?” at the same time. Doug thinks the Jailer’s House is the only usable space for the public. You could use the jail for storage space for historic materials and/or collections. There is not enough room for old items at ACHS.

Mark said there is a lot of interest for proposals.

Doug said the County Board needs to take a personal interest. The jail was built in the 1870’s.

Mary Joy suggested a rotating exhibit in the Transit Station.

Doug said that Gail Schulman did a lot of the exhibits.

Mark said that HRC (Historic Resource Committee) would be associated with those exhibits.

Doug said they have about 20 exhibits, which could be exhibited over 2 years. Doug suggested going to local businesses like Hantzmon and Weibel, who had information on Paul Goodloe McIntire. Existing businesses have enough staff to fill cabinets.

Mark said the neighborhoods could put up displays.

Doug said they have interns to assign to this. There was once an exhibit at the airport.

Mark move to accept that, with Helena in charge. Mark will run the idea by Mary Hill.

Mark called for other business.

Mariah asked if this committee or others propose markers.

Helena said both.

Mark said that sometimes state markers are done by others.

Doug said that Jeff Werner took personal interest in the Monticello Wine Company sign. The sign was paid for by a descendent of original wine company owner.

Mark said we were going to go through a thematic way of looking at the markers. We may come back to it. All the local ones have been written by this committee.

Doug said state markers are expensive to make.

Mark said most owners don't want huge signs.

Doug commented on UVA's resistance to large signs on campus for design reasons.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10.