

**Historic Resource Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2008
NDS Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Genevieve Keller, Mark Beliles, Winston Churchill Gooding, Helena Devereux, Steven Meeks.

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala, April Johnson

Actions:

- **Approved \$300 expenditure on behalf of the City of Charlottesville to Piedmont Area Preservation Association (PAPA) for its annual meeting.**
- **Approved Sacajawea marker dedication ceremony date by Columbus Day (October 13).**

To do:

- **April to verify Sacajawea image is not copyrighted.**
- **Staff to ensure material/style/size consistency among other city markers for the Sacajawea marker.**
- **Mary Joy to email possible topics for Preservation Week in April. Mary Joy will also contact Justin Serafin to see if we could create topics that tailor to local needs/issues.**
- **Mark to work on a pamphlet map of markers in the city.**

Discussion of June minutes. Mary Joy gave a summary and update of June minutes since they had not gone out for review. Discussed changes were made to April minutes. The status of Sacajawea text was approved and current status designing and ordering a marker. Discussed transit center display and new intern April Johnson could help with changes to the display. Melanie Miller's idea of brown street signs for historic districts has been relayed to Jim Tolbert...who said to replace existing signs with brown signs as they wear down. Increased budget allocation of \$500 has been approved. There was an article in today's Daily Progress the mentioned City Council's approval of the Sacajawea marker. McGuffey marker has been mailed to Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Concluded ACHS does not have interns.

Discussion of the Sacajawea marker. April presented an idea of what marker material and layout would look like from two companies. Marker material quotes were cast bronze; Steve suggested using material/design consistent with existing city markers including the city logo. Steve suggested the possibility of granite or marble material. Steve also suggested verifying the image to be sure it is not copyrighted. Someone asked about delivery time once marker is ordered...April responded depending on the company 4-6 weeks...also possible some companies could do a rush order if a deadline is needed to be met.

Marker budget is \$2,500.00 to be paid by the City. For a self-standing marker with post prices ranged from \$1,185 to \$2,393 including shipping. Mary Joy, April, Helena and Gennie will help with going around the city to study material, size and design for continuity. They will then choose a final design and email to the committee for approval. Committee agreed Columbus Day in October will be dedication ceremony for the marker. Gennie had the idea to use the music center for the location to which there was consensus. Helena brought up the idea of adding an educational component to the ceremony...possibly Christian McMillan from the History Department...? Gennie entertained the idea of inviting Rozina and Emma George, Sacajawea's great-great-great nieces for the dedication ceremony; the committee discussed budget restraints to inviting them (airfare, lodging etc.).

Committee Leader Reports:

Mark will float around and help out with various committees per Steve.

Education and Public Meetings: Mary Joy talked about PAPA annual meeting. Normally held around September, last years date was Thursday Sept. 13th. The meeting will be sponsored by UVA this year, on Thursday September 18. PAPA is asking for \$300 from the City of Charlottesville; since neither the City nor does NDS have a budget for PAPA Gennie motioned to pay \$300 on behalf of the City out of committee budget; Expenditure was approved.

Mary Joy will email the committee suggested topics for Preservation week to be held in April. The committee can vote on topics.

Gennie mentioned to Mary Joy to contact Justin Sarafin for the list of topics.

Public Commemoration: Steve thought verbiage for Penn Park markers were too long. Gennie suggested sending to the State in Richmond for editing. Discussion on where to place the marker on Pen Park Rd (Rio seems too dangerous, not conducive for stopping and reading). It was suggested that markers could be placed at the entrance gate of the park. Harvie and Gilmer markers need to be considered in 2008 so should send to be approved in December's Virginia Department of Historic Resources meeting.

Mark asked to think of other local markers to be considered. Mary Joy suggested John West by John Gaines. Gennie suggested Venable School and Lane High School. Another suggestion was Burley High School.

Helena thinking of a transit station new display of the old jail...another display idea was Preston's post cards...Mary Joy had digital copies and would send them to Helena.

Publications: Steven is interested in creating a pamphlet of a map of local markers; Gennie suggested using low budget type pamphlets. Helena suggested putting the committee information on pamphlets also. Steven also mentioned that the Visitor Center wants to make the Charlottesville walking tour guide and historic district guide more compact. The walking tour guides/maps should be updated. Steven brought samples of current guides. Steven had a great idea of a pod cast walking tour. Mark will help Steven with the publication of new and improved walking tour guides.

Special Projects: Steven provided a Jail update from Jail Committee...idea to use the jail as a local history museum...only the jailer's house is usable as a museum and the original jail as tourist site...the building can't be retrofitted for anything else...Helena brought up an idea to use as a small restaurant. Gennie commented that there is a RFP for design services/construction though no plan on what to do with renovation...someone should be sure that there is oversight on the construction to preserve architectural integrity. An idea was introduced to use the transit station display to exhibit the old jail. Mark is interested in helping Steven with Jail Committee initiatives.

Steven wants to gather interested parties to form a committee to organize the commemoration of the Centennial Civil War-2011.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20