

**Historic Resources Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Melanie Miller, Helena Devereux, Steven Meeks, Winston Churchill Gooding, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Members absent: Genevieve Keller, Mary Hill Caperton, Mark Beliles

Staff present: Mary Joy Scala

The meeting called to order at 11:10 am.

Approval of February 9, 2009 minutes

Helena notes a typo on page 2: Should be Cornelia, not Cornelius.

Steven moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Melanie second. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Helena proceeded with the meeting agenda.

Education and Public Meetings

Preservation Week Update

Ingrid suggested another year to have booths with vendors and food.

Steven said to let him know if more tour books are needed for display.

Helena received an email from Mark regarding a pamphlet based on the tour book.

Transit Station

Helena said the Charlottesville band exhibit is up. She asked about an email Mary Joy received from someone at the Transit Station asking about the display case.

Mary Joy said she responded that the Historic Resources Committee agreed to create a new display every two months, and did not hear any response.

Helena said the goal is to have a new display up by Preservation Week.

Public Commemoration

Historic Markers

Sacajawea – The Committee discussed whether the marker should be located on the west or south side of the Lewis & Clark Statue. Mary Joy said the front (west side) was originally discussed, but Larry Mann with the Parks Department recommended the south side because you could see Sacajawea from there, and it was more level and away from traffic. Mary Joy was told to discuss it with the Mayor.

Helena said the marker would make a nice composition with her depiction on the statue and her name, which is inscribed on the south side.

The date Friday April 17 was suggested for the ceremony. Various locations were mentioned, including the Music resource center, the Omni, Russell Mooney's building, and Gabe Silverman's building.

Speakers for the panel may include Jen Tidwell, Anthony Guy Lopez, a historian and an art historian who could comment on the sculptor and trends at that time.

Other venues suggested were City Space, the Transit Station, and the skating rink. Melanie would talk to Roberta Williamson about using the meeting room at the skating rink.

Burley School - Steven emailed and sent a letter to the principal, Marcia Howard, with no response.

Winston will talk to Alicia Lugo, Marcia Howard, and Cornelia Johnson.

Bus Factoids - Four ideas were discussed: the Wright brothers travelling by train through Charlottesville, Inges Grocery, the Old Jail, and Fry's Spring.

Other Business

Goals For Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, May 11 at 11 a.m. in NDS Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm