

**Historic Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2009  
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room  
11:00 a.m.**

Members present: Melanie Miller, Helena Devereux, Steven Meeks, Mark Beliles  
Members absent: Winston Churchill Gooding, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly, Mary Hill Caperton  
Staff present: Mary Joy Scala, April Johnson

The meeting called to order at 11:05 am.

Approval of May 11, 2009 minutes

Typos were noted.

Melanie moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Helena seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mark proceeded with the meeting agenda.

Education and Public Meetings

Mark asked if a date for preservation week had been set for next year?

Mary Joy said no; she is not sure if Preservation Piedmont is willing to do it again next year. They may be the only PAPA group capable of producing the event.

Mary Joy will find out when the next PAPA meeting is.

Mark said people were generally happy with Preservation Week. Were there any issues other than the cost and amount of work involved?

Helena said the JMU psychologist's lecture was thought-provoking and worthwhile.

Steven said the Scottsville event was good, but he thinks we need more events outside the City.

Helena asked if Preservation Week could occur every other year?

Mark said yes, or scale back to a smaller event each year. It would be good to evaluate what were the most labor-intensive parts of Preservation Week.

Melanie said there were a number of events.

Mark said that each group was supposed to manage their own event.

Melanie said that a handful of people took it on.

April said that Dan Bluestone's class might be able to organize something.

Mark said, with all the people in PAPA, you could spread out the labor.

April said, we could try again next year and redistribute the labor more evenly.

Mark said it was such as success, we should continue with something.

Melanie said that in the fall Preservation Piedmont will do house tours and walking tours again as a fundraiser.

### Public Commemoration

#### *Transit Station*

Helena said that April pulled together the current exhibit using photos from *This Place Matters* web display from Preservation Week. For the next display, Melanie will prepare Sacajawea photos.

Melanie will email Ingrid to look in the Daily Progress archives (for a picture of the original statue dedication ceremony).

April asked the date of the ceremony.

Mark asked about other Transit Station displays.

Genevieve suggested using the bus factoid designs for a future display.

Helena suggested waiting until we have more factoids.

Mary Joy said we should wait until we have all seven designs.

Helena said that the Frances Brand paintings are photographed on a disk, and that Virginia Daugherty is the Chair of the First Committee.

Steven said the First Committee is actively raising money to restore the paintings.

Helena will give Virginia Daugherty an update that we are still interested in working with her.

Steven noted that about half of the paintings are of local personalities; some of the people whose portraits were painted did not know why they were considered a "first;" and some have not been identified.

Helena said that our exhibit should include the portraits of locals.

Mary Joy said we could include a current photo of each person.

Steven said he himself could give permission to use the photos, which are the property of ACHS, but it would be nice to keep the First Committee involved.

Melanie suggested keeping all the past Transit Station exhibits on our web site.

### *Sacajawea*

Mark asked if the media were notified. Mary Joy said they were.

Mary Joy outlined the Sacajawea dedication ceremony program.

April will meet Tuesday with Ingrid at the Charlottesville Community Design Center to discuss decorations for the reception.

Helena asked if we invited Nancy O'Brien to the event.

### *Tour Booklet*

Helena asked to see a tour booklet.

Mark asked about possible outlets to distribute the booklet... Visitor Center, Library?

Melanie suggested the Chamber of Commerce.

Steven has a box of booklets for ACHS.

April suggested restaurants, UVA, Newcomb Hall, the Rotunda, vineyards.

Mark suggested the UVA Visitor Center, Ash lawn, Montpelier.

Melanie suggested that each committee member be responsible for one location to refill their supplies of booklets (leave your phone number with the establishment). April chose the Rotunda; Mark chose Montpelier and Ash Lawn; Melanie chose the Chamber of Commerce; Steven chose the Visitor's Center and the Library, and ACHS.

### *Burley Marker and McGuffey Marker*

Mary Joy will report on the status of both markers at the next meeting.

Melanie asked if the minutes are on the web.

Steven asked about the Pen Park marker.

Mark said to check the minutes.

### *Bus Factoids*

Melanie will email the two final copies (Amtrak Station and Fry's Spring Service Station) for approval. The next two will be the Old County Jail and Inge's Store. Tag lines are needed for both.

Members present asked to see the final Preservation Week bus poster image. Steven said to keep it in the bus poster collection.

#### Financial Report

Mary Joy will report next month.

#### Goals for Next Meeting

Financial report, markers, strategy for future markers (neighborhoods?)

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm