

**Historic Resources Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2008  
Second Floor Conference Room  
11:09 a.m.**

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

**Approval of August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup> minutes:** Melanie moved to approve August minutes with no corrections and Mary second.

Ingrid wanted to make clear in the September minutes her comment on that the submitted text she was referring to was the text the Historic Resource Committee submitted to the Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources.

**Recap of the PAPA Annual meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Garrett Hall, UVA:**

Concerning the meeting Mark, Melanie and April attended and there was general consensus that the meeting was good and exciting. Each person briefly commented about their thoughts.

**Preservation Week Planning:**

Neighborhood Markers: Melanie spoke with the Neighborhood Alliance president Bruce O'Dell and City Planner Jim Tolbert. There was general interest in the idea of neighborhood markers for historic neighborhoods. Jim's concern is who will cover the cost of these markers.

Mary Hill suggested having neighborhood markers on new brown street sign posts; others commented that there maybe too much information on one post or not enough room. Ingrid added including historic dates or possibly other information on the neighborhood marker. Mark stated that the neighborhood markers should be definitive rather informational. Mark suggested a sign at neighborhood entrances if economically feasible at other locations (for multiple entry points). Mary Hill suggested placing only one sign somewhere within the neighborhood. All comments were considered and there was consensus to first consider design and marker costs. Mark suggested we have the neighborhoods recommend location of the sign. Someone commented on fundraising and expressed the idea of matching funds with neighborhood's fundraising efforts. Mark thought it would be a good idea to bring awareness of the idea of neighborhood markers during our court square Preservation Week activity.

Melanie will get quotes on markers and April will email Melanie information about local and non-local historic marker manufacturers.

Bus Signs: Mark commented on whether we should use one-time signs or repeat during the year or change bus exhibits. We still need to know cost per bus; if we can get advertisement cost on bus waived by the city; how many buses can we patronize and how long the sign is

allowed to be on display? April will be responsible for gathering additional information concerning bus signs to make a final decision on the feasibility of the idea.

Gathering at Court Square: Mark confirmed that the Court Square is available Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 and the Preservation Week scheduler thought it was a good idea. Now is the time to begin organizing. Mark reviewed the purpose of the Court Square event which is to bring awareness to the general public not affiliated with preservation. Mark would like add a sense of entertainment such as a concert to help attract people to the event. Other entertainment ideas are as follows...Ingrid thought bringing jugglers for children was a good idea or a presentation/lecture describing a specific historic site. Melanie asked about doing tours. Mark suggested tours of an endangered neighborhood. Mark also suggested a craftsmen demonstration. Ingrid said the Lewis & Clark organization does craftsmen demonstrations. April thought of a Young Preservationist corner/"In Your Backyard" where people and children can learn basic archeological themes...artifacts that could be found in your backyard like house items or tools. There could be an art historian or architectural historian to explain items, time period...or a theme like the evolution of nails...etc. Melanie and Mary Hill said they've already found artifacts in their yard. Mark said we could make it an all day event with food vendors. Mark will coordinate and delegate tasks to committee members.

The entertainment component is yet to be finalized for the event.

### **Committee Leader Reports:**

#### Education and Public Meetings:

#### Public Commemoration:

Post Cards: Someone asked where we are on the postcards. April explained since the board has so much room remaining, Helena and April will organize more postcards for the exhibit to help fill the space. We should be complete by the next committee meeting.

Burley School: Mary Hill said she gave her comments about the Burley school and asked Mark if he received them. Mark did not see it and will review emails.

#### Publications:

#### Special Projects:

#### Other Business:

April passed a letter from the Mayor Dave Norris that asks if the city will participate in the Civil War Commemoration. April reminded the group that Steve Meeks suggested and solicited volunteers to help spearhead Charlottesville's participation back in June or July. Mark asked for the letter and will review and respond later.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm**