

## **HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 14, 2009

11:00 a.m. – Noon

**\*\*NDS Conference Room\*\***

610 East Market Street

Helena Devereux, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00am

Members Present: Helena Devereux, Mary Hill Caperton, Melanie Miller, Genevieve Keller, Steven Meeks, Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Staff Present: Mary Joy Scala

Guest: Tom Hughes

Members Absent: Winston Churchill Gooding, Mark Belies

1. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2009
  - G. Keller moved to approve minutes
  - M. Miller seconded the motion
  - H. Devereux noted spelling changes in second paragraph
2. Committee Leader reports
  - a. Education and Public Meetings
    - i. Old Jail
      - S. Meeks is on the Old Jail Committee
      - G. Keller would like another member from the HRC on the study committee
      - S. Meeks said that he would talk to Ron Lilley
      - M. Hill Caperton moved for another member to be on the Old Jail Committee
      - G. Keller seconded the motion
      - Unanimously approved
    - ii. PAPA Annual Fall Gathering
      - M. Miller stated that event was well attended (50 people) and that the decorations and food were great.
      - G. Keller commended Melanie for doing a stellar job on committee reports, echoed that Laura did a great job on catering.
      - M. Hill Caperton stated that Melanie made the committee look fabulous
      - G. Keller: several city and county officials attended – Sally Thomas, David Brown, Satyendra Huja, Ann Malleck
      - If we did not continue to hold this meeting, it would have left a void in preservation community. This was an information exchange.
      - H. Devereux: Is there a way to develop this into an annual report (in writing)?
      - I. Smyer-Kelly: We need to recruit new blood.

M. Hill Caperton – Get Cville, Hook, or Charlottesville Tomorrow to do an article

G. Keller: Ask by email for bullets, help keep in mind for next year

M. Miller: We can post on our website

M. Hill Caperton: Wasn't there a sign up sheet?

b. Public Commemoration

i. Historic Markers

H. Devereux: Will talk to Mark about Pen Park

S. Meeks will reconcile McGuffey, M.J. Scala will send both versions

MJ Scala: Talked with Principal at Burley and she is excited about the marker. Need to follow up.

ii. Displays or exhibits

1. 2011 City Anniversary

S. Meeks anniversary is approaching quickly

H. Devereux: Put anniversary planning in Annual Plan

G. Keller: Dave Norris has an interest – what is the current plan?

S. Meeks: Has been tabled due to budget. Maybe something should come from this committee. Need to find location of the time capsule (around Circuit Court House). Was buried 50 years ago.

2. Transit Station Exhibit

H. Devereux: Steve brought CD with images of paintings for Brand exhibit

Also plan on getting “now” images of 4 people

Possibilities are:

Nancy O'Brien, Cornelia Johnson, Francis Fife,  
Huja, Teresa Walker

c. Publications

d. Special Projects

i. 2010 Annual Plan - Look at 3-5 year span.

1) Make up possible list for state and local markers. This could change, but would provide a guide for the committee.

2) Continue exhibits throughout the coming year

3) Continue bus posters – pause mid year to evaluate the project

4) Create a sub-committee to develop a plan for the Old Jail

a. Helena visited an interesting old jail in Philadelphia (Eastern State)

i. Paramount Film “Jail” Morgan Spurlock

b. Interest in jails and jail conditions – create coalitions and have displays at the Jail

c. Do more research and coordinate with the County

5) Melanie: none of our historic districts are apparent to the public

- a. Changing the signs to brown would make people aware
  - b. Jim Tolbert has state that there is no room in the budget for a \$50 street sign
- 6) Ingrid: People need an event to include the public, like the luncheon at Fairfax
- 7) Walking tour booklet with historic areas identified on the maps
- i. 2010 Annual Plan Discussion
    - G. Keller: Add 8<sup>th</sup> item
    - Develop themes: Early settlement, Civil Rights, Education – so we can relate markers to them
    - H. Devereux: Could be part of goal number 1. Draw up a list of markers that relate. For #8, Steven mentioned the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charlottesville, what is that conversation? See if there are ways to add that into our planning.
    - G. Keller: #9 can be – Commemoration of the birth of McIntire (the McIntire Legacy): Education, Open Space, Art.
    - Improve visibility of historic neighborhoods
    - Consider ordering National Register plaques for all our districts (combine with #5)
    - Put something on HRC website that shows the different NR districts
    - Work with city to have a page for historic districts
    - I. Smyer-Kelly: likes idea of one marker for all the historic districts
    - M. Miller: Buy markers for City-owned buildings that are individually listed
    - UVA World Heritage site – how is it marked?
    - #10 Continue to support PAPA organization
    - M. Miller: Figure out specific dates to work on these things
    - H. Devereux: Have list available for January meeting. Who wants to work on which?
    - \*Jan 11 is the next meeting\*
    - H. Devereux: We will begin the year with outline version of the Annual Plan
    - #11 expand committee membership

3. Other Business

- a. Budget Questions
  - Discussion of budget moved to January meeting
- b. How to Save Old Transit Center exhibits
  - S. Meeks: ACHS can archive displays for HRC
  - G. Keller: Other display cases in libraries and schools?

4. Goals for next meeting (Monday January, 2010)

5. Adjourn M. Hill Caperton motioned to adjourn; S. Meeks seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:05