

**MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Monday June 14, 2010 \* 11:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**NDS Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street**

**Members Present:**

Helena Devereux  
Genevieve Keller  
Melanie Miller  
Mark Beliles  
Randy Page (guest of Mary Hill Caperton)

Mary Joy Scala, Staff

**Members Absent:**

Winston Gooding  
Steven Meeks  
Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

Helena Devereux called the meeting to order at 11:05.

Helena suggested giving the BAR a sign of appreciation. She also noted that two trees on 1<sup>st</sup> Street are in violation of the BAR's guidelines.

**1. Status of Bylaw Search**

Mark Beliles inquired about the status of the bylaw search and procedures for adding new members. It was agreed that City Council should appoint members and that positions should be advertised. The committee requested that Mary Joy Scala email officials at Albemarle County for a copy of the operating procedures used by the Historic Preservation Committee in the county.

**2. Approval of the Minutes – April 12, 2010** Revised and reformatted copy.

Genevieve Keller moved for the minutes to be approved.  
Melanie Miller seconded the motion.  
The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes – May 10, 2010**

Melanie Miller moved for the minutes to be approved.  
Mark Beliles seconded the motion.  
The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Education and Public Meetings**

The fall meeting of the Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance will be held on September 23 at Tiverton in Albemarle County.

The committee also discussed the spring 2011 Preservation Week and the group's role in the upcoming 2012 commemoration of Charlottesville's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Genevieve Keller noted that the Preservation Week may be scaled back, with several UVA lectures tentatively scheduled. The theme may be "landscapes."

The committee agreed that planning for 2012 needed to begin now, and that they were willing to take a leadership role with the planning process. Genevieve Keller noted that Ric Barrick made a presentation saying that a committee would be formed, which she thought should be inclusive, with representatives from the county, local businesses, different community members, and historians. City Space could be reserved for a 2012 brainstorming meeting. Mark Beliles said that Steven Meeks told him that the Mayor would like the Historic Resources Committee to work with the Historical Society to coordinate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Mark thought the committee should provide leadership. Helena Devereux said that underscores the need for new members, that we need to be a larger and more diverse group, and the need for establishing bylaws. Over the next few weeks the committee should work on bylaws and figure out a system for appointing new members.

Committee members discussed displaying events on City website and in City Notes.

It was decided that a meeting should be set up with Mark Beliles, Ric Barrick, Steven Meeks and Mary Joy Scala. Genevieve Keller suggested applying for a humanities grant (David Berringer). Mark said the event needs to get in the City's budget next year.

#### **4. *Public Commemoration***

##### **Transit Center Display**

Ms. Helena Devereux asked for feedback on the new exhibit featuring several of Charlottesville's historic markers. The next exhibit will be installed by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and will focus on Paul Goodloe McIntire.

##### **Markers**

Mary Joy said that Winston Gooding agreed that choosing a Friday for the Burley School marker ceremony would work.

There was consensus that all members of the Charlottesville 12 (or their relatives) should be contacted.

Mark Beliles indicated that the McGuffey and Gilmer markers should be added to the July agenda. Helena Devereux will meet with Mark Beliles concerning those markers.

#### **5. *Publications***

##### **Re-printing the walking tour brochure**

Genevieve Keller asked about a committee to edit the walking tour brochure. Mark Beliles noted that he has contact information for the map designer and could negotiate updating and editing the map. Genevieve Keller will report on the status of the project in July.

#### **6. *Special Projects***

Helena Devereux met a lady who works at the old jail in Palmyra and suggested that the committee tour the building. All the members were interested and suggested Friday as a possible tour day and opportunity to gather information for working with the old Albemarle

County Jail. Helena Devereux noted the removal of plantings around the Lewis & Clark Statue which improved visibility of the plinth. They suggested that new shrubbery only reach 1-2 feet high.

Helena Devereux noted that the last Transit Station exhibit was Frances Brand paintings. She said the committee involved in restoring the paintings wants to stay in touch with this committee and discussed forming another exhibit of Frances Brand's paintings next year (HRC could help sponsor a display).

Helena Devereux adjourned the meeting at 12:05.

Genevieve Keller asked to hear from Randy Page. Mr. Page inquired if the committee had gone before City Council concerning McIntire Park. Helena Devereux indicated that the Historic Resources Committee did not become involved with the volatile issues surrounding the park.

Mark Beliles discussed the committee's involvement in saving the old Albemarle County Jail through direct advocacy. Ms. Devereux described work on the Sacajawea plaque and the recognition of women.