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CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday May 9, 2011 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Edwina St. Rose
Mary Hill Caperton
Mary Joy Scala, Staff
Mark Beliles
Kristin Rourke, Intern

Members Absent:

Steven Meeks
Helena Devereux
Genevieve Keller
Melanie Miller
Winston Churchill Gooding
Ingrid Smyer-Kelly

1. Call to order and agenda changes – Mary Hill Caperton called the meeting to order at 11:10.
2. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2011 and April 11, 2011(no quorum)
3. Education & Public Meetings
Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) (Mark Beliles and Steven Meeks) – Edwina St. Rose gave an update, the committee has chosen a logo. Mark Beliles also has an update – Considering having a few signature events during the year: a festival of history (early summer, perhaps with Preservation Week. Historical Society would work on it – Mary Joy Scala will contact PAPA about this), a festival of music (later summer, an event that would continue every summer?), November 12 (founding of the city formal event).
4. Public Commemoration
Transit Center Displays – A schedule of exhibits for a brochure to advertise at the Visitor Center, Updates on new venues and publicity (Helena Devereux) - Fry Springs will be put off until the bus runs down there. Starr Hill or Vinegar Hill will happen when Jefferson School opens – November of 2012. Martha Jefferson area and Jefferson School were also suggested topics.

Markers Updates

Dialogue on Race - Mary Joy is going to talk to Charlene Green just to make sure we don't put up the same markers and ask if they need help.

McGuffey State marker – permission from the library to place it there, Mary Joy can check with the City Manager to make sure the city will work on this.

Gilmer State marker – Mark has a third source for the marker. The state requires a third source. Helena and Mary Joy are going to find out where at Pen Park would be best to place the marker.

Some of our markers are having the gold come off, Mary Joy will ask the manufacturers if they can fix it. Still want to maybe work on the Vinegar Hill marker – Potentially move

it to be near the Staples parking lot? The front of Jefferson School? We could have it on a pole or be like a state marker? Perhaps get an estimate on this?

Bus Posters – Kristin Rourke can put more posters out along town.

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure. Review new draft of text. (Genevieve Keller) Kristin has a revised text and a new map. Some initial feedback: The route should remain somewhat chronological. Color the walking path to make it stand out. Everyone should try to edit by May 23, 2011 or next meeting. Perhaps a larger number should be printed because the 250th Anniversary. We need to select a graphic designer (Steven's or Mark's)

6. Special Projects

Old Jail update (Steven) – no update, Steven was absent.

Survey of historic sites for cell phone tour (Kristin) Kristin will email these surveys out. Mark will definitely narrate the churches on Lee Park.

7. Other Business

8. Goals for next meeting

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

NOTE: You can ask at the NDS front desk to have your Market Street Parking Garage ticket stamped.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee achieves its mission through:

- Education
- Public commemoration (historic plaques, signs, markers, and civic festivals and ceremonies)
- Publications (maps, brochures, tour books, and digital media)
- Public meetings (planning sessions, workshops, and lectures)
- And through other means.

2011 Annual Plan

- 1) Make up possible list for state and local markers.
 - a. Develop themes: Early settlement, Civil Rights, Education – so we can relate markers to them.
 - b. Collaborate with 250th Anniversary Committee.
 - 2) Continue Transit Station exhibits throughout the coming year. Explore dividing larger space with another organization.
 - 3) Continue bus posters – pause mid year to evaluate the project.
 - 4) Continue Cooperation with and support of ACHS effort to develop a plan for the Old Jail.
 - a. Interest in jails and jail conditions – create coalitions and have displays at the Jail
 - b. Discuss possibility of doing a jail-related legacy project with 250th Anniversary.
 - 5) Improve visibility of historic neighborhoods
 - a. Put something on HRC website that shows the different National Register districts – link map on our website to each page.
 - b. Consider changing the street signs to brown would make people aware.
 - c. Consider ordering National Register plaques for all our districts.
 - 6) Plan events to include the public
 - 7) Walking tour booklet with historic areas identified on the maps
 - 8) Keep the 250th Anniversary of Charlottesville in mind when planning other items.
 - 9) Continue to support PAPA organization.
 - 10) Expand committee membership. **
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Historic Resources Committee 2010 Committee List

- a. Education and Public Meetings
(Mark Beliles, Chair; also Mary Hill Caperton, Genevieve Keller, and Ingrid Smyer-Kelly)
Special events: Spring Preservation Week; 250th Charlottesville Anniversary in 2012;
Annual fall Piedmont Area Preservation Alliance (PAPA) gathering of preservation groups
- b. Public Commemoration
(Co-chairs Genevieve Keller and Helena Devereux; also Melanie Miller, Mary Hill Caperton and Winston Churchill Gooding)
Historic markers and plaques
Transit Station Display, bus posters, and other exhibits
- c. Publications
(Mary Hill Caperton, Chair; also Steven Meeks)
HRC Web page, digitize City Landmark Survey
Walking tour booklets
- d. Special Projects
(Helena, Chair; also Steven Meeks, Winston Churchill Gooding, Mark Beliles)
Old Jail