

Minutes
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday December 12, 2011 * 10:00 a.m. – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Helena Devereux
Melanie Miller
Edwina St. Rose
Steven Meeks
Mark Beliles
Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff:

Kristin Rourke
Mary Joy Scala

Members Absent:

Mary Hill Caperton

Leave of Absence:

Genevieve Keller

1. Call to order - Melanie Miller called to order at 10:09
2. Approval of Minutes – November Minutes – (Correct under item #3 that the UDC United Daughters of the Confederacy, is behind the ceremony at UVA cemetery. This is to be at the confederate cemetery at UVA. Correct under item #4 “Everyone agreed” instead of “Everyone agree”.) Minutes approved with this correction.
3. Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville’s 250th Anniversary (2012) –Mark Belies, Steven Meeks, and Edwina St. Rose - First Night Virginia Kick Off: an exhibit in City Space (will stay up for all of January), a scavenger hunt starting at Virginia Discovery Museum for kids, a series of talks and slide shows in City Council chambers New Year’s Eve afternoon, laser light show at the Pavilion. Festival of History May 26-June 3: Still in development, will have films, concerts, lectures – focused on last fifty years. Living history weekend – focused on the last 200 years. November 12th: Ceremony for the founding, prayer breakfast, activities for kids, Gala at John Paul Jones arena for VIP, Closing ceremony. Steven passed out the Celebrate 250 calendars.

4. Public Commemoration

Transit Center Displays – Martha Jefferson will be next, Woolen Mills is now. We can choose a Sunday afternoon in January to host a Woolen Mills neighborhood, Melanie will contact Bill Emory and Kristin will try to schedule the date. Kristin will also start contacting the neighborhood presidents when their neighborhood is posted at the Transit Center. Kristin will be putting Rugby Road and Woolen Mills on the website as soon as possible.

(Mark Beliles went to the Celebrate 250 Meeting.)

Markers Updates

McGuffey Marker – No updates
Gilmer Marker – No updates

New Bronze Markers – Kristin is working with Artistic Bronze – the company who gave the lowest estimate last time – to make a sign for Number Nothing to replace an earlier slate sign which has gone missing marking the site of a slave auction block. She and Mary Joy Scala will coordinate the Number Nothing Marker to supplement the context of this marker. Helena Devereux presented several edits to the text of Number Nothing which were discussed. Steven pointed out that there is a faint ghost mark of the auction house sign on the side facing Monticello hotel that can be seen at the end of the day – maybe this should be on the marker text! Helena will be editing more on the historic marker text and everyone else will help out.

Bus Posters

5. Publications

Re-printing walking tour brochure – 10,000 will be printed by First Night, Kristin will get one more estimate just to make sure we have the best pricing available.

6. Special Projects

7. Other Business

8. Goals for next meeting

9. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 10:59

10. Noon: Cemetery Conservation meeting - Deferred until January 9, 2012

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. **

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