

Minutes
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Monday March 12, 2012 * 11:00 a.m. – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

Members Present:

Melanie Miller
Edwina St. Rose
Mary Hill Caperton
Mark Beliles
Genevieve Keller
Helena Devereux

Members Absent:

Steven Meeks
Winston Churchill Gooding

Staff:

Mary Joy Scala
Kristin Rourke

1. Call to order – Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05.
2. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2012 minutes Genevieve Keller moved approval with changes noted and Mary Hill Caperton seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously, except Helena Devereux abstained since she was not at the meeting. .
3. Education & Public Meetings

Update: Charlottesville's 250th Anniversary (2012) – Mark Beliles gave an update. They are moving forward with the Festival of History. Each day will present a theme: 250 years of Nation-wide service; African American community life; Growing up in neighborhoods; 250 years of religious education & culture; Architecture, development & design.

A music festival is being discussed as one of the signature events, including Tom Tom and another one.

There may be a reprise of the “Let Freedom Ring” pageant done 50 years ago.

Sunday May 27 they will unearth the time capsule. December 23 they will bury the new time capsule.

Update: “Where I Live - Stories from Yesterday and Today” at C’ville Coffee – March 18 from 3-5 p.m. will be the Martha Jefferson and Locust grove neighborhood presentation. There is interest in getting a link to our web site.

Genevieve suggested asking Bill Emory to provide a summary.

Helena asked about the budget this year.

4. Public Commemoration – Kristin Rourke provided an update.
Transit Center – Martha Jefferson
Markers Updates

McGuffey Marker and Gilmer Marker – Mary Joy Scala said the state policy has changes. The state no longer maintains markers, so the City is required to do it if they want a state marker. Mary Joy asked Mark to provide a hard copy of his source material.

New Bronze Markers – Helena is focusing on Number Nothing and the 6th Street Buildings. It was noted that Col John Jones was an owner of Social Hall.

There was a suggestion to link to the Taylor marker on our web site. Another category is the Charlottesville 12.

Helena summarized that the suggestion seems to be to include Col. Jones and Leitch. Make sure John West is included in the McKee block. Focus the Taylor interpretation near Martha Jefferson vicinity where he lived.

Include Court Square Days – focus on evolution of commerce on Court Square for this marker.

Look at Dan Bluestone’s book. The next marker to review will be Mckee block.

Number Nothing should say, “This is one of several locations where public auctions occurred.

There was discussion of the Sixth Street buildings. Mary Hill asked if there are any other Spirit Walk connections?

Melanie will email – everyone respond which Court square marker people on the committee want to work on individually.

Bus Posters – Melanie asked to vote by email for the revised poster name at Lee Park.

9. Adjourn – 12:10 p.m..
