

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday July 13, 2015 * 11:00 am – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

Genevieve Keller
Ellen Wagner
Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair
Dede Smith
Melanie Miller, Co-Chair

Staff

Mary Joy Scala
Margaret Stella
Camie Mess (absent)

Members Absent

Liz Sargent
Winston Churchill Gooding
Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS

Others

Doug Ehman
Charlene Greene

CALL TO ORDER

Edwina St. Rose called the meeting to order at 11:05.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Genevieve Keller made the motion, Dede Smith seconded, and the July 13th minutes passed.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Daughters of Zion:

- We don't have Shelly Sass' plan yet, also need to look over Kristen's cemetery plan- it has basically outlined everything we've discussed.
- Doug-has spoken with someone about three options, GPR (ground penetrating radar), Electric Voltaic scans, and third, a hybrid of the two. He was quoted \$5000, and to do the suggested three methods would cost 8-10k.
- Mary Joy suggests skipping the GPR and addressed erosion problems where it occurs with wall.
- Doug said the retaining wall hasn't moved in 30 years, there are graves in the right of way, bodies buried at street level, and while it isn't an easy fix, he feels it isn't critical. Also, Parks and Rec doesn't repair headstones, that is left to the families.
- Keller expressed concerned that there could possibly be burial sites on the outer edges of the cemetery boundary.
- Mary Joy- work to get everyone, Doug, Charlene, and HRC on the same page and working towards the same goal. Establish number one priority as: ceremony when the markers are released, allowing that to create momentum within the public to take cemetery projects further and let the community dictate what should be done. Doug's largest concern is the encroachment of the neighbors along the western edge (they keep throwing waste over the fence, building on the cemetery line, etc.)
- Decided that markers will be placed across the entrances of Daughters of Zion and Oakwood, to encourage people visiting one to see the other as well.

Vinegar Hill:

- Melanie and Charlene support the idea of a four marker tour, with the one at downtown done in black and gold and the "traditional" style, with the other three designed the way the ones at court square are.
- Marker at/near the Omni will provide historical summary and significance of VH
- Can the original marker be moved to Jefferson school? As controversial as it is, it tells a story.
- Doug- Parks and Rec controls where to place this because of the utility lines on Main Street.

Historic Street Signs:

- No discussion.

Cemetery Signs:

- Signs have been ordered.

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Historic American Landscape Surveys (HALS)

- Liz Sargent volunteered to write a HALS for the Daughters of Zion Cemetery

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.
- churches

OTHER BUSINESS - MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Margaret O'Bryant has expressed interest in joining.

Also, the markers at Lee Park, who owns it? [Doug: the city], Keller expresses interest in reinterpreting the park. Doug Ehman clarified any markers placed by private groups belong to the city.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:04 pm