

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday November 9, 2015 * 11:00 am – Noon
NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

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

Members Absent

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

Staff

Camie Mess
Mary Joy Scala
Margaret Stella

Additional People

Charlene Green
Bernadette Whitsett-Hammond
Maxine Holland

CALL TO ORDER

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:10.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There is not a quorum so the October minutes will be revisited during the December meeting.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Charlottesville's Churches:

- Dede Smith suggested beginning with the historic use of the Courthouse by early congregations as their meeting place, Edwina St. Rose agreed.
- A starting point would be the 250 Anniversary History of Charlottesville text that was written, but never published.
- Edwina St. Rose suggested it be downtown churches Holy Comforter-1880, Christ Episcopal Church -1826, First Baptist-1831, Temple Beth Israel -1860, First Presbyterian-1839, **Methodist Church -**

Daughters of Zion:

- Edwina St. Rose has not heard anything, but she will contact Bernadette today.
- There have been e-mails sent throughout the City about changing the concrete drainage swale, and replacing it with a bio swale (Walkable Water Sheds), but Mary Joy and the HRC want to make sure that this is not going to disturb any of the graves.

Vinegar Hill:

- Scot French has not gotten in contact with Edwina St. Rose since the last meeting

Court Square Markers:

- Melanie's friend is creating a sketch this week for the three free standing markers.

Historic Street Signs:

- Melanie is going to e-mail Mary Joy an updated excel sheet

Cemetery Signs:

- Melanie Miller and Ellen Wagner met at Maplewood to see where the sign would be placed on the wall.
- Doug Ehman has the poles and is waiting to see where they should be placed in Oakwood.

- Mark Schuyler had a plan for Maplewood cemetery permanent motion activated lights in order to deter vandalism, HRC would like to know more about this plan and what the plan entails and cost. Ellen Wagner suggests putting up signs that say this area is under video surveillance to deter this type of activity.
- Melanie Miller is going to send Doug Ehman an e-mail about cemetery policies and a historic picture of a cemetery gate.
- After these signs are installed, perhaps the committee could reach out to the Jewish Cemetery to see if they would be interested in making their own sign.
- Unveiling ceremony for the markers potentially sometime during the week of November 22nd?

The Corner Marker:

- This has not been reordered.

African American Trail:

- Edwina St. Rose brought in the pamphlet *Heritage Trails: African Americans in Charlottesville-Starr Hill*

EDUCATION and PUBLIC MEETINGS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- All of the above items can be revisited.

OTHER BUSINESS

Need to make sure that Margaret Stella or Camie Mess stops by the Historic Society to drop off an application for Margaret O'Bryant to apply for a position on the Historic Resource Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:02 pm