

MINUTES

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

*Monday September 12, 2016 * 11:00 am – Noon*

*NDS Conference Room * 610 East Market Street*

Members Present

Melanie Miller, Co-Chair
Dede Smith
Margaret O'Bryant
Ellen Wagner
Genevieve Keller
Bob Fenwick

Members Absent

Steven Meeks, Ex-Officio ACHS
Crystal McNeese
Liz Sargent
Edwina St. Rose, Co-Chair

Staff

Mary Joy Scala
Camie Mess

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Genevieve Keller moved to approve the August minutes as amended. Bob Fenwick seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMEMORATION

Court Square Markers Update and Invoice:

- Mary Joy Scala needs an approval for the invoice for bracket design
- Everyone will review the Court Square Markers again
- They will be sent to Charlene
- Then they will be sent to Maurice for a last look
- Dede Smith moved to spend \$1,017.50 to pay architect for bracket design. Bob Fenwick Seconded

Vinegar Hill Park and Markers Update:

- Melanie Miller, Edwina St. Rose, Mary Joy Scala, Margaret O'Bryant, and Ellen Wagner went to the Vinegar Hill Park meeting. It went well, with no negative comments or ideas:
 - Improve crossing near the Omni to get to the Jefferson School
 - Purchase park land near Staples parking lot
 - Melanie suggests next steps are to present to Council and then name it, get funding for wayfinding signage
- Melanie talked to the Mayor—he said he did not think it was necessary to wait on the Blue Ribbon Commission. His questions were:
 - What if the BRC did 10 sites with signage that matched?
 - 1) Melanie said that our signage would match the signage on the Downtown Mall
 - 2) Margaret O'Bryant said the Blue Ribbon Commission doesn't know how specific they will be in their recommendations
- Bob Fenwick presented a powerpoint of signage
 - St. Johns church signage as an example
- Mary Joy will get it on the City Council Agenda

EDUCATION & PUBLIC MEETINGS

Blue Ribbon Commission:

- Margaret O'Bryant gave an update on the September 1 Vinegar Hill Park presentation
 - The group noted progress being made in an area of interest
 - Subcommittees are working on what they will contribute to the final report
- 2p. Update went to Council
 - Last week met at Tonsler Park Center and heard Gary Gallagher—Civil War Historian and 19th century specialist – presented 4 themes:
 - 1) Union
 - 2) Emancipation
 - 3) Reconstruction
 - 4) Lost cause interpretation
 - Perhaps rename the park but don't remove statues—he says they represented lost cause interpretation

Upcoming Events

- Mary Joy expanded on upcoming events:
 - PAPA Rotunda event - Thursday October 6
 - Preservation Virginia Statewide Conference – Sunday and Monday October 16-17
 - Joint meeting with County HPC – Monday October 24 - 4:30-6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Bob Fenwick discusses Steven Meeks membership on the HRC
- Edwina presented a letter from Bill Emory
 - Asking for support for HCD Woolen Mills
 - The HRC endorsed the historic significance of Woolen Mills, and took no further action

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Joint meeting
 - County Jail is open 12-2 Saturdays, Paul Jones and Stephen Meeks alternate giving tours
 - Updates from both groups
 - Anything we can collaborate on?
- No meeting on the 2nd Monday of October
- October 24th will be regular meeting

DISCUSSION

- Margaret O'Bryant and Don Gathers have asked to be on a panel at the Preservation Virginia Conference on October 17—no specifics

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 pm