

MINUTES

**CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

*October 9, 2017 \* 11:00 am – Noon  
NDS Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street*

**Members Present**

Melanie Miller, Chair  
Alissa Diamond  
Bob Fenwick  
Madeleine Hawks  
Genevieve Keller  
Margaret O’Bryant  
Liz Sargent  
Jalane Schmidt  
Dede Smith  
Ellen Wagner

**Members Absent**

None

**Staff**

Mary Joy Scala - Preservation & Design Planner

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m..

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Genevieve Keller moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017. Alissa Diamond seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMEMORATION**

*Vinegar Hill Park*

Dede Smith was going to discuss with Scot French but did not. She will circle back next month.

*Court Square Markers*

There was much discussion about the McKee Block. It was decided to continue working on the revisions on Google docs.

*Other Discussion*

Jalane Schmidt asked about Parks’ website for Washington Park, etc.

Alissa Diamond noted the framing is old; need to add broader social content.

Madeleine Hawks suggested sharing the Committee’s findings with Parks.

Genevieve Keller said a closer relationship with Parks needs to be established. We need an organizational meeting to discuss what the HRC, Parks, and consultants are doing.

Dede Smith said Van Johnson used to work for Parks – he may have added to the Washington Park description. It is probably from Gregg Bleam’s book [The City as a Park, 1998].

Liz Sargent said there needs to be a fuller expression. She said ACHS mostly had newspaper articles (when she did research for Emancipation Park HALS report). Someone should update it from 1998.

Alissa said Lynne Rainville and CVHR are untapped resources. Also UVA’s President’s Commission is working on campus landscape, uncovering a lot of cool stuff.

Jalane Schmidt said the next step is to coordinate and collaborate with UVA resource people. We don’t have to do original research.

## **EDUCATION & PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

#### *Cultural Landscape Report*

Melanie Miller passed out copies of a letter of support she prepared to be sent to City Council regarding a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Halprin’s Mall design. The Committee members made several suggestions for edits.

There was discussion that the HRC should prepare an annual report for Council, following the HRC’s annual meeting in January, to remind Council what the HRC does. Someone noted that we anticipate a larger role for this Committee.

### **GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Revisit Court Square Markers #1 and #2.  
Review list of accomplishments.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 p.m.**