

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes: Friday December 13, 2019 * 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

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HRC Members:

Madeleine Hawks, Chair	William Clay III
Dede Smith	Jordy Yager
Genevieve Keller, Co-Chair	Sally Duncan
Ellen Wagner	
Alissa Diamond, Co-Chair	<u>Staff:</u>
Heather Hill	Jeff Werner
Jalane Schmidt	Robert Watkins

Guests:

Andrea Douglas
Khristopher Taggart
Charlene Green

- Call to order:
- Approval November 2019 meeting notes:
 - Alissa Diamond moved to approve minutes. Seconded by William Clay III. Motion passes 10-0.
- Intro Guests:
 - Introductions from (Jefferson School), Khristopher Taggart (Albemarle Community Development), and Charlene Green (Charlottesville Office of Human Rights)
 - HRC recounts meeting with Gundars Osvalds last month
 - Osvalds interested in showing more with photographs
 - Arrangement that specific photos must be shown at Jefferson School in Charlottesville Area
 - Only pictures on wall part of permanent collection
 - Remaining photos are of landscape, buildings, of interest to HRC?
 - Jefferson School out of book copies
 - \$7,800 for 500 more copies from printer
 - File also needs to be updated (i.e. w/ name of people)
 - Book sells for \$31 at Heritage Center
 - Possibly use images from book to direct from park to Heritage Center
 - Coordinate which images with Andrea
 - Andrea agreed to look at landscape of existing posters on construction fence
- Education: No items
- Public Commemoration:
 - Vinegar Hill Park
 - Update on subcommittee discussions and draft City Council resolution (attached)
 - i. 2 components: construction wall and park
 - ii. 7 signs, 4 more issues each w/ 7 themes:
 1. Selective imagery/propaganda
 2. Public decisions & leadership

- 3. Businesses in VH
- 4. Then/now
- iii. Park: technical exercise for ADA compliance
 - Committee to advocate for community engagement to say what park will look like
 - Looking for community engagement in phase I (signs)
 - Decoupled approach – ADA away from park design
 - What can HRC do to make sure RFP is equitable/engaged
 - Starting larger vision conversation now and be prepared after construction for park design (around summer '21)
 - Subcommittee has no resources for engagement: continue to draft request from council
 - Concern over honing in on park design: Vinegar Hill not completely gone, not just a redevelopment site.
 - Maybe if not grand vision, HRC work will build foundation and groundwork for future refinement
 - Andrea Douglas's comments:
 - We don't remember what fabric remains
 - The monument, which came out of Dialogue on Race, is primary site of VH commemoration
 - Broaden dialogue from center of downtown and incorporate work and research that has already been done
 - Question: are there things from Dialogue on Race that we should be aware of
- Court Square Markers
 - Update on subcommittee discussions
 - Circulate drafts and coordinating with Historic Preservation Committee (Albemarle)
 - Coordinate interpretation themes with county
 - Harnessing synergy between County Remembrance Project and City of Charlottesville
 - Having committee members present at Board of Supervisors meeting
- Publications:
- Downtown Walking Tour Map reprint (interim version)
 - Committee dissatisfied with interim version
 - Forms new subcommittee:
 - i. William Clay III
 - ii. Madeleine Hawks
 - iii. Dede Smith
 - iv. Jordy Yager
- Public Meetings: No items
- Adjourn