

Meeting Notes (Draft)

CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Friday November 8, 2019 * 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

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HRC Members:

Alissa Diamond
Heather Hill
Madeleine Hawks

Genevieve Keller
Margaret O'Bryant
Jalane Schmidt
Ellen Wagner

Sally Duncan
Jordy Yager
William Clay III

Staff:

Robert Watkins
Alex Ikefuna

1. Call to order

- Introduction of Gundars Osvalds, Vinegar Hill photographer
 - Existing exhibit of 1963 photographs on display at Jefferson School
 - Jefferson School primary partner for displaying Osvalds V.H. photographs
- Two potential collaborations between Jefferson School, HRC, and Osvalds:
 - i. Cosponsoring the expansion or revising of existing Jefferson School exhibit to include all 50 photographs
 - ii. Use of different printing technique (not canvas) for clarity
- Cosponsoring the publication of new exhibit books (out-of-print!) for sale at the Jefferson School
- Additional ideas:
 - Mobile virtual tour to follow Osvalds' 1963 path through V.H.
- Alissa Diamond suggested using grant-searching resources available through UVA for funding
- Andrea Douglas and Osvalds to prepare budget and proposal for work, to present to HRC at December meeting

2. Approval of June, July, Sept., Oct. meeting notes (No Aug. meeting)

- Genevieve Keller moved to approve minutes with discussed copy edits. Seconded by Sally Duncan. Motion passed 10-0.

3. Education: No items

4. Public Commemoration:

- Court Square Markers Subcommittee Report
 - Committee met two times (10/29 and 11/06)
 - Committed to presenting draft text for review by January HRC meetings
 - New themes to overlay existing marker topics:
 - Property
 - Discipline
 - Veneration

- Displacement
 - Beautification
 - Commerce
 - Movement
 - Potential for moving markers around: marker closer to City Hall/Market Street Garage?
 - Also possibly marker dedicated on court proceedings
 - Possible partnerships/advising with subcommittee:
 - Phyllis Leffler for Jewish perspective of Court Square
 - CVHR and Daughters of Zion
 - Andrea Douglas
 - Monacan representatives
 - Vinegar Hill Park Subcommittee Report
 - Second round of paper posters (printed on NDS plotters) strategically removed weekend of 11/1-11/2: deliberate effort by vandals
 - Hightech Signs printing vinyl banners, to be delivered and mounted early next week
 - Banners to be bolted in to prevent future removal
 - Heather Hill reports from meeting between CC representatives, City staff, and CODE building developers re: V.H. park
 - Developer has expressed interested in upgrading V.H. portion of Mall to be ADA accessibility. Limited options due to steep grade and site constraints
 - Initial work to be ADA upgrades; more comprehensive park design be established in later phase by City
 - Fred Wolf to present drawings of ADA accessible plan in January/February to CC/staff
 - Committee members still expressed desire to communicate need for community-driven design for park to CC
5. Publications:
- Downtown Walking Tour Map reprint (interim version)
 - Margaret O'Bryant expressed immediate need for maps, evident at Historical Society
 - Idea to print interim maps with "Temporary" or date stamped on it
 - Madeleine Hawks reported that previous edits to interim map file were insufficient; needs wholesale redesign
 - Alissa Diamond proposed adapting graphics from Court Square markers to make map more cohesive
 - Alissa Diamond made a motion that she will assume responsibility for creating a new map file in InDesign with basic text edits, to be completed by December meeting. HRC scheduled to approve interim version in December meeting for printing. William Clay III seconded motion. Motion passes 10-0.
 - Alissa Diamond requests staff look into in-house graphic designer in City staff
 - Madeleine Hawks to check back in with visitor's center to see if there's interest in partnering with HRC for printing new batch of maps
6. Public Meetings: No items

7. Special Projects:

- City Council request re: Slave Auction Block commemoration.
 - Members expressed desire to clarify if plaque is our responsibility to manage
 - Genevieve Keller requested HRC go through Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations and ask CC if we should be responsible for remaining recommendations

8. Other Business

- Sacajawea, Lewis, Clark statue: CC work session November 15
 - Staff answers committee members' questions about time and venue for work session
 - CC primarily responsible for organizing event, not preservation staff
- HRC fund – balance update from staff
- HRC annual meeting – January 2019
 - Committee to meet at two, 2-hour meetings on consecutive January Fridays
 - 01/10/2020 and 01/17/2020, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - Goals of annual meeting:
 - Identify themes HRC would like to highlight
 - Review Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations
 - Review Court Square marker draft text

9. Recap/Set Goals for Next Meeting: December 13, 2019

10. Adjourn [12:25 pm]