

Meeting Notes (Draft)
CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Friday October 11, 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
Melanie Miller
Margaret O’Bryant
Jalane Schmidt

Ellen Wagner
Sally Duncan
Deirdre Smith
Jordy Yager

Staff:

Jeff Werner
Robert Watkins
Sebastian Waisman (until 11:45)

Tarron Richardson (until 11:45)
Paul Oberdorfer
Alex Ikefuna

1. Call to order
 - Introductions
2. ~~Approval of June, July, Sept. meeting notes (No Aug. meeting)~~
3. Education: No items
4. Public Commemoration:

Note: Mr. Waisman was present to answer questions about Vinegar Hill, so the meeting began with that part of the agenda.

 - Vinegar Hill Park
 - HRC asked if City was obligated to make the park ADA accessible.
 - Staff explained City cannot require the CODE Building developer to provide off-site improvements, however we can work with them if they offer.
 - HRC suggested forming a subcommittee to develop recommendations for moving forward with a park plan. Address accessibility and developing a park design, including a revelation of the approved signage and wayfinding plan, and that the development of a park plan include a community engagement component.
 - Ms. Miller, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Diamond, Ms. Duncan, and Mr. Yager volunteered to form the subcommittee.
 - Ms. Hill stated she would work with the City Manager and staff to address the ADA questions.
 - Staff suggested that when recommendations are ready the HRC prepare a memo to Council that includes proposed changes to the December 2016 resolution that established the park.
 - Court Square Markers [*markers* includes the sign at the courthouse]
 - It was suggested that all of the markers be reevaluated.
 - It was noted that in 2017 the HRC approved the markers. Reopening the discussion would require a vote.

- Staff noted three presentation options to consider: markers/signs, the planned on-line content, and possibly a walking tour map.
- Discussion on the information presented:
 - Is intent to serve visitors or this community?
 - History of Charlottesville or of Court Square?
 - Express that this is an intentionally constructed landscape.
 - Information must be truthful and documented [cited].
 - Consensus to stay with the 11 x 17 markers; that HRC is reevaluation the content on the markers.
- HRC consensus that this must move forward in a timely manner. Concern that this effort began in 2011.
- Staff asked if, in the interim, the four, existing stone markers should be removed now or left in place. HRC consensus to leave them in place.
- Ms. Diamond moved that the HRC open up the markers for discussion and reconsideration; to review and make a proposal for modifications, including scope of the content [themes] and the intended audience; and recommend a timeline for completing the project. (Seconded by Ms. Keller. Motion passed 9-2. Ms. Miller and Ms. O'Bryant opposed.)
- Ms. Diamond, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Duncan, Ms. Keller, and Mr. Yager volunteered to form the subcommittee.

5. Publications:

- Downtown Walking Tour Map reprint (interim version)
 - Revised interim version was not available. Ms. Hawks and Ms. Schmidt volunteered to review when it is ready.
 - Ms. Hawks reported on meeting with the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau (CACVB), who expressed interest in collaborating on the new Walking Tour Map. They also offered to help with surveying visitors' interests. There was also interest in partnering on the development of kid-appropriate information/resources.
 - Ms. Keller moved that the HRC delegate to Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Hawks the review of the revised interim version and, if acceptable, for staff to move forward with a print order of 2,000 copies. (Seconded by Ms. Smith. Approved unanimously.) [Print cost estimate: 2,000 copies for \$906.]

6. Public Meetings: No items

~~7. Special Projects:~~

- ~~● City Council request re: Slave Auction Block commemoration.~~
- ~~● Action: Approval of memo to City Council.~~

~~8. Other Business~~

~~9. Recap/Set Goals for Next Meeting: November 8, 2019.~~

10. Adjourn [12:25 pm]