

Meeting Notes - Draft
CHARLOTTEVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Friday November 9, 2018 * 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Neighborhood Development Services Conference Room * 610 East Market Street

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Members Present

Alissa Diamond
Dede Smith
Ellen Wagner
Genevieve Keller
Heather Hill (late)
Jalane Schmidt

Madeleine Hawks (chair)
Margaret O’Bryant

Members Absent

Liz Sargent
Melanie Miller

Staff

Jeff Werner

Guests

Charlene Green, City Office of
Human Rights
Jordy Yager, local historian

1. Call to order: 11:05
 - a. Intro guests (see below)

2. Approval of meeting minutes
September 14, 2018 (Smith motion to approve, Diamond second; approved 7-0, Hill not present.)
October 12, 2018 (O’Bryant motion to approve, Smith second; approved 8-0. Include revisions to
a) note Smith and Schmidt volunteer to assist with West Main outreach; b) note that detailed list
on agenda to be discussed at planned 2019 Annual Meeting.)

3. Continue discussion of creating subcommittees
Questions raised about adopting a formal; list of projects. (Discuss at Annual Meeting/Retreat.)
Given small group, is it better to not create even smaller groups? Suggestion that we concentrate
efforts as a single group.
Comment that projects need leadership to assist staff; help with compiling and sharing
information.
Suggestion for a project-by-project approach; prioritize list at Annual Meeting/Retreat.
Comment that HRC is advising on matters already occurring and forwarding [to the city] ideas
that need to be worked on.

4. Education: No update

5. Public Commemoration
 - a. Vinegar Hill Park update—construction fence posters.
Smith offered to assist Hawks in work on poster drafts.
 - b. West Main Streetscape--review of consultant’s updated material
Introduction of Green and Yager.
Yager reviewed work he is involved in through the Jefferson School African American
Heritage Center. Mapping of city’s racially restrictive housing covenants.
Green summarized her work re: community outreach related to the West Main
Streetscape project. Indicated work will continue into early 2019. Commented that some
people have difficulty sharing information; fear it will be misused or exploited; must
offer evidence of how community will benefit from, sharing of these stories. Community
wants the narrative to be written by locals; not by consultant. Locals must have some say
in what gets presented; tell the full story. Asking groups and individuals for “Top Ten”
lists of issues, recollections, etc.; we will see what rises to the top.

HRC: Requested time line for the consultant's work. Is there an urgency to wrap up the community outreach?

Questions of where all the information will reside; how can it be best used, accessed?

Possible audio tours?

Comment made that older people are reticent to share information.

Outreach effort must be better organized. Some expressed disagreement with concepts as presented [by consultant]; number of signs, where, and about what.

Question: What about people who are not contacted to share their stories?

Question: Can consultant attend upcoming HRC meeting?

Question: What themes have they developed for the signs, and why?

6. Publications:
 - a. Walking Tour maps.
Staff commented that a new printing is needed. Diamond offered to assist staff.
7. Public Meetings: No update
8. Special Projects: No update
9. Goals for Next Meeting: Friday December 14, 2018: No discussion.
10. Other Business: No discussion.
11. Adjourn at 12:00 noon.