

**DRAFT - MINUTES**  
**CHARLOTTESVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

*Monday June 18, 2018 \* 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.*  
*NDS Conference Room \* 610 East Market Street*

**Members Present**

Melanie Miller  
Margaret O’Bryant  
Ellen Wagner  
Genevieve Keller  
Madeleine Hawks  
Heather Hill  
Alissa Diamond (arrived approx. noon)

**Members Absent**

Dede Smith  
Liz Sargent  
Jalane Schmidt

**Staff**

Jeff Werner  
Tim Lasley (intern)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Melanie Miller called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Committee asked that notes from the May 14, 2018 meeting be recirculated.

**PUBLIC COMMEMORATION**

*Court Square Markers Update:*

- At May 2018 HRC meeting discussion of a companion marker to go with the McIntire’s Park marker. Address moving forward, healing. Ms. Hawks offered to draft something for consideration.
- Decision to not finalize McIntire’s Park marker until city council acts on the parks renaming.
- Discussion about revising McKee’s Block marker to incorporate new information from CVHR (Alissa to circulate information.)
- Staff to compile and circulate most up-to-date versions of all markers.

*Vinegar Hill Park and Markers Update:*

- Narrative, images, map, etc. on construction fencing [for the Tech Center project].
  - o Keep it simple, not text heavy; clearly express that the park will be constructed after the Tech Center is built. Make it clear that fence is temporary, NOT substitute for the park.
  - o Create web link for updates and information.
  - o Check what type of fencing is allowed on the mall (mesh fabric may not be allowed).
  - o Contact Scott French about the text for the four planned markers; can we use on fence? (Talk to Dede Smith, who recently met with French.)
  - o Talk to Edwina St. Rose.
- Park design.
  - o Opportunity to work with Tech Center developers on new design
  - o Imperative to involve stakeholders who initiated the park project.

**ANNUAL MEETING** (deferred to June due to unavoidable circumstances)

*Discussion of HRC goals/plan for remainder of 2018 (Reevaluate and revise in Jan 2019.)*

- Update Historic Charlottesville Tour Book.
- Plan for a longer meeting to discuss the story we want to tell, and how to communicate it. (Consider a facilitated meeting to evaluate/establish priorities.)
- Evaluate what other historic and cultural resource groups/organizations are doing; determine where there is overlap and partnership; eliminate any unnecessary redundancies.

- The city's history is integral to key decisions being made; we have opportunity to be more engaged in those issues and decisions.
- Determine if city council has any priorities for HRC.
- Create a "parking space" to accumulate ideas for HRC goals and projects. Include on each meeting agenda as reference. For example:
  - o When historic surveys are completed and/or districts are listed, celebrate it with that neighborhood/community. Do not let surveys and research disappear onto a shelf.
  - o Pursue collaborative projects with UVA, Albemarle's HPC, the Historical Society, Pres Piedmont, CVHR, etc.
  - o Consider opportunities for HRC to engage in equity projects proposed by Blue Ribbon Commission on Race, Memorials, & Public Spaces.
  - o Work with CVHR to access and circulate their research.
  - o Staff involvement in the parks redesign and renaming processes.

*Election of New Officers*

- Chair: Madeleine Hawks (elected unanimously, 7-0)
- Vice-Chair: Genevieve Keller and Alissa Diamond (elected unanimously, 7-0)
- Discussion of electing a secretary was tabled. HRC suggested intern might assist with the minutes. (Note: In reviewing its general responsibilities within NDS, staff has determined this is not the best use of the Mr. Lasley's time.)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

*Staff updated HRC on:*

- Rose Hill Neighborhood submitted. Need to plan meeting with community.
- CLG Grant request for Little High Neighborhood Survey. No word yet on grant; hope to conduct survey even without grant funding.
- North Belmont Neighborhood HD named to NRHP.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

1:00 p.m.