

Draft notes from April 9, 2018 Historic Resources Committee meeting.

In attendance:

Hawks; H.Hill; Keller; Miller; Obryant; Smith; Wagner; Werner (staff)

Guest: Coy Barefoot, ACHS

March meeting review:

Staff read from J.Werner's March 29, 2018 email.

Discussion of Vinegar Hill Park:

Staff summarized how planned construction of the Tech Center [at the old Ice Park] is expected to disrupt the area of the mall at the planned Vinegar Hill Park [Phase I]. The extent of impact is not yet known.

Developer has offered to support/participate in the re-design of this area with the intent of creating a new Park area; at the very least, they are committed to restoring it to the current design, after construction.

Committee expressed the need to get installed what has been approved—wayfinding signs, banners, etc. Asked staff to examine what could be done now. Concern was raised that community was promised this designation and improvements, but nothing has been done. Concerns also about the confusion created by city council's consideration of Vinegar Hill Park as a name for Emancipation Park; that the location [for VH Park] on the west end of the mall was selected by city council and is consistent with the Halprin Plan. Staff was asked to discuss with Tech Center developer the possibility of incorporating historic information onto their construction barricade.

Coy Barefoot:

Mr. Barefoot was introduced as the new director of the Albemarle County Historical Society. He spoke about the origin of the HRC and commented that long ago there was discussion of recognizing Vinegar Hill. The ACHP's is planning: an exhibit on the Daughters of Zion Cemetery; a series of summer programs, including music on the east patio; on April 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse, the showing of a documentary about West Main Street.

Court Square Markers:

Social Fabric. Ms. OBryant proposed revisions to the third paragraph, which were reviewed and further revised (see the attached). Quorum voted to approve this as the final version. (Smith, Hawks, Wagner, Keller, OBryant, Miller)

McIntire's Parks. Ms. OBryant proposed revisions to the first paragraph, which were reviewed and further revised (see the attached). In response to staff polling of those present. (Smith, Hawks, Wagner, Keller, OBryant), the revisions are acceptable, however the draft should be circulated to the entire HRC for comment. It was noted that the final paragraph ("In 2016 the Charlottesville community...") might stand alone, as a separate marker, and possibly be given special consideration/recognition as an opportunity to express the need for and invite healing.

Regarding the selection of photos for the various signs, staff will compile and make available the images it has access to.

HRC Annual Meeting:

It was suggested that the annual meeting be held in May, assuming the Court Square Markers are finalized.