

## MEETING NOTES

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee  
Friday, February 19, 2021; 11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Remote meeting via Zoom

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### HRC Members Present

Rachel Lloyd, Chair  
Sally Duncan, Co-vice-chair  
Genevieve Keller  
Jalane Schmidt  
Heather Hill  
Margaret O'Bryant  
Ellen Wagner  
Dede Smith  
William Clay III  
Kay Slaughter

### HRC Members Not Present

Phil Varner

### City Staff Present

Jeff Werner  
Robert Watkins

#### 1. Call to order:

11:00 AM: Chair Rachel Lloyd calls the meeting to order. Lloyd opens the floor up for public comment, but the HRC receives no public comment.

#### 2. Approval of the agenda:

Dede Smith moves to approve the agenda.  
William Clay III seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

#### 3. WORK SESSION II: [11:20, 1 hour, 20 minutes]

##### a. Review subcommittee membership

- Committee will assess status of existing subcommittees and adjust membership as necessary

##### b. Subcommittee Updates

- Members from each subcommittee will update HRC on project status, including COVID's effects on progress

##### c. Create prioritized list of projects for completion

- Discuss types of meetings, number of meetings, and resources required to complete each

Staff relays current city capacity for subcommittee meetings. City communications can host 6 additional virtual meetings for boards and commissions a month, but must be reserved in advance. Given the requirement to have publicly noticed and publicly accessible meetings, these are the only potential time for subcommittees to meet during COVID.

Staff reviews membership of three subcommittees and their charge. Membership has changed since several HRC members have stepped down.

- Walking Tour Map Subcommittee: haven't met since February 2020, started to select sites to be included on revised walking tour map
  - William Clay III
  - Dede Smith

- Vinegar Hill Subcommittee: haven't met since February 2020, tasked with creating interpretation plan for Vinegar Hill Park
  - Genevieve Keller
  - Sally Duncan
  - Ellen Wagner
- Court Square Markers Subcommittee: tasked with completing Court Square Markers, and assumed discussions over Slave Auction Block site after removal of plaque in February 2020
  - Genevieve Keller
  - Sally Duncan
  - Jalane Schmidt

Members of subcommittees review status of each project.

- Walking Tour group had created a spreadsheet analyzing different sites it might potentially include on map. Intended to be paper-printed map, but material lends itself to electronic publishing. Members remark that many of the places that had distributed map have been closed through COVID. Point raised that in-person meeting might be more conducive to progress.
- For Vinegar Hill, staff gives update about letter sent to Council in February 2020. No interest in placing additional temporary signage on construction fence at CODE Building, since construction will be completed in coming months. Members propose a check-in with people from the Jefferson School, as well as engaging those who lived and worked in Vinegar Hill.
- Court Square update: Construction of new courthouse may offer interpretation options, as well as completed courthouse courtyard; while some members suggest withdrawing from writing and designing permanent physical markers, others feel compelled to continue drafting finished text. Members also propose testing out completed text in temporary format, like construction fence poster. Members decide to revisit text and progress made before determining next steps.

Members discuss projects for coming year, including launching engagement for Court Square and historic resource mapping system for Charlottesville. Committee also communicates importance to continue existing projects: walking tour, Vinegar Hill markers, Court Square markers.

Staff gives update on available committee funds.