

MEETING NOTES

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee^[1]_[SEP]

Friday, April 9, 2021; 11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

HRC Members present

Phil Varner, Co-vice-chair

Genevieve Keller

William Clay III

Margaret O’Bryant

Dede Smith

Kay Slaughter

HRC Members not present

Rachel Lloyd, Chair

Sally Duncan, Co-vice-chair

Jalane Schmidt

Heather Hill

Ellen Wagner

Staff present

Jeff Werner

Robert Watkins

1. Call to order: Co-vice-chair Phil Varner calls the meeting to order. Varner opens the floor up to public comment but the HRC receives no public comment.
2. Approval of the agenda:
The committee unanimously approves the agenda.
3. Approval of meeting notes:
 - a. February 19, 2021 Meeting Notes
 - b. March 12, 2021 Meeting Notes

The committee decides to defer voting on approval of meeting notes to May HRC meeting.

4. Planning Engagement for Slave Auction Block site:
Staff provides update on planning progress for Slave Auction Block site. HRC members will meet with descendant and community representatives in the coming month and report back at May meeting.

Committee requests that future discussions more clearly define who this outreach will be aimed towards.

5. Walking Tour Map :
Walking Tour subcommittee presents existing walking tour map and reviews questions raised by subcommittee:
 - Do you focus on a certain era/eras?
 - Are there too many stops?
 - Do we incorporate Vinegar Hill with Vinegar Hill Park?
 - Do we include West Main?
 - How do we look at span of dates?

Committee members also propose having more than one map: perhaps a “main map” and then more specific maps on specific themes.

Committee identifies important questions to answer moving forward:

- Do we agree that printed map is ideal?
- Should we have online content working in concert with printed maps?

Committee proposes location-based map, instead of individual map stops. Maybe 5 or so vantage points, each from a different era..

Subcommittee will report back at future meeting after reviewing potential vantage points.

6. Announcements:

Staff updates committee about delivery of Daughters of Zion Cemetery marker, coordination with Historical Society about Pen Park Cemetery.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee is to advocate for historic preservation; to promote an appreciation of local historic resources, both tangible and intangible; and to encourage and coordinate, with appropriate municipal agencies, civic organizations, institutions and individual scholars, the documentation and interpretation of local history.

The Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee achieves its mission through:

- Education
- Public commemoration (historic plaques, signs, markers, and civic festivals and ceremonies)
- Publications (maps, brochures, tour books, and digital media)
- Public meetings (planning sessions, workshops, and lectures)
- And through other means.

* Regarding public comment(s). The HRC values community participation and input and welcomes public comments at meetings. At the beginning of each meeting, not more than 10 minutes will be allowed for the introduction of any guests and public comments. Speakers may speak for a maximum of two-minutes and shall begin by identifying their name and address. The intent is to allow public input; not initiate a dialogue or debate with the committee. Subsequent to this meeting segment, by majority approval the HRC may amend the agenda to allow further discussion; however, the motion should also establish a time limit for that discussion. Additionally, prior to adjourning--and applying the conditions above--the HRC may allow a period not to exceed five minutes for public comment.