

April 2021 Historic Resources Committee Packet

April 9, 2021, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

This packet contains various materials to guide meeting discussions. The materials are listed below, linked and with reference to their page in the PDF file.

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MEETING NOTES

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

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.

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HRC Members not Present

William Clay III

Staff Present

Jeff Werner

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2. 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.

3. Approval of meeting notes:

Dede Smith moves to approve February 12, 2021 HRC meeting notes, with edits as suggested by Genevieve Keller.

Kay Slaughter seconds motion. Passes unanimously.

4. Public Engagement Plan:

Committee discusses feasibility of public engagement for Slave Auction Block site.

Committee plans to hold public meetings in-person once safe, but considers launching some virtual engagement in the interim. Members express concern over effectiveness of virtual engagement to engage a substantial number of descendants. Other members also express that Slave Auction Block site isn't only HRC project needing public engagement. Committee decides to consult with community and descendant representatives who advised HRC in Spring 2020. Planning virtual and in-person engagement might require retaining a consultant. Also committee should talk about honorarium policy at future meeting.

5. Month-by-Month Meeting Schedule:

Committee plans work schedule for coming months, preparing when to hold discussions on each HRC project:

- April – holding for report back from community and descendant representatives regarding Slave Auction Block site engagement; planning engagement
- May – continued planning for engagement and public facilitation at Slave Auction Block site
- June – discussing signage for Vinegar Hill Park

- July – review drafts of Court Square Markers (and coordinate review by community groups, such as Central Virginia History Researchers, or public schools curriculum coordinators)
 - August – review walking tour map progress
6. Announcements: [12:45, 15 minutes]
Jeff Werner reviews committee bylaws to determine number of voting members.

Table of Potential Sites for Walking Tour Map

Site	Proposed Action	Theme	Dates
1. C&O Train Station (railroad)	Keep	Railroad/Transportation/Labor	1850
2. King Grocery Supply	Consolidate to Water Street	Commerce/Food/Transportation	1897-1979
2a. add: Greyhound Station (near the train station)	Consolidate to Water Street	Transportation	1900s
3. Early Warehouses and Factories (can be combined with King Grocery)	Consolidate to Water Street	Industry/railroad	late 1800-early 1900
3a. add: Ice Factory, Lumber, Garrett industrial buildings	Consolidate to Water Street	Industry/railroad	1800s-1900s
4. Site of Fredrick Hatch's school/City Hall	Consolidate to City Hall	Government	1900s
4a. add: Horse and Barn House / Streetcar	Consolidate to City Hall	Transportation	1866-1900
4b. add: Jackson Billboard Company	Consolidate to City Hall	Commerce	1900s
5. Timberlake's Drug Store	Consolidate to E 4th-3rd St	Commerce	1896-today
5a. add: Eston Hemings & Tucker Isaccs home/business	Consolidate to E 4th-3rd St	Business	1800s
6. Charlottesville Hardware Store	Consolidate to E 4th-3rd St	Commerce (consider removing this item or combining with another site?)	1909-1980s
7. Site of Nancy West house/Kaufman Store	Consolidate to E 3rd-2nd St	Commerce/Real Estate	1800s
8. Paramount Theater	Consolidate to E 3rd-2nd St Consolidate Theaters	Culture	1930s-1970s, 2000s
9. Three-Notch'd Road	Move to Consolidate w/ City Hall	Transportation/Development	1730s
9a. add: Bell-Hemings House/General Store	Consolidate to E 3rd-2nd St	Commerce	1800s
10. Oldest building on the Mall	Consolidate to E 3rd-2nd St	Commerce	1840s
10a. add: Jefferson Theater	Consolidate Theaters	Art & Culture	1900s
11. McGuffey School	Consolidate W 1st-Market St	Education/Art/Architecture	1900s
11a. add: Odd Fellows Hall - Mentor Lodge - Elks	Consolidate W 1st-Market St	Social institution	mid/late 1800s - today
12. Former First Christian Church	Consolidate W 1st-Market St	Religion	1836-present
13. Site of the Charlottesville Presbyterian Church	Could be removed	Religion	1829-1956
14.Site of Congregation Beth Israel/Jefferson-Madison Regional Library	Consolidate as Library	Religion/Public Institution/Education	1882-present
14a. add: Courthouse (any notable cases)	Consolidate as Library	Government	1904-late 1970s
15.Site of Stone Tavern and Central Hotel	cite marker	could be removed?	1784-1862
16.Site of the Eagle Tavern/Farish Hotel	Consolidate as Court Square	Commerce/War (Revolution)	1854-present
16a. add: 1830 sale of enslaved from Monticello	Consolidate as Court Square	Slavery	1830

17. Site of Edmonds Brothers Grocery/Monticello Hotel	Consolidate as Court Square	Commerce/Tourism	1800s/1900s
18. Albemarle County Courthouse	Consolidate as Court Square	Government/Commerce/Crime	1803-present
19. Site of the former McKee block/Justice Park	Consolidate as 4th-Jefferson	Urban Development	1800s-present
20. Civil War Monuments		Government/War	1909-present
21. Charlottesville's Oldest Homes	Consolidate as 4th-Jefferson	Urban Development	1808-present
22. Federal Townhouses	Consolidate as 4th-Jefferson	Urban Development	1830s-present
23. Number "Nothing" and 6th Street Buildings	Consolidate as Court Square	Commerce	1820s-present
24. Site of the Swan Tavern	Consolidate as Court Square	Social	1832-present
25. Town Hall/Levy Opera House	Consolidate as Court Square	Art/Culture	1851-present
26. Old Park Street Homes	Could be removed	could be removed?	1814-present
27. County Jail	Consolidate as Court Square	Crime/Punishment	1876-1974
28. Nelson House and Sanitarium	Could be removed	Health	1830-1902
29. Temple Beth-Israel	Consolidate as Jefferson: Houses of Worship	Religion	1882 (1904)-present
30. Holy Comforter Catholic Church	Consolidate as Jefferson: Houses of Worship	Religion	1925-present
31. Site of Charlottesville Baptist Church	Consolidate as E 2nd - Jefferson	Religion	1831 (1851)-1978
32. Jones House or "Social Hall"	Consolidate as E 2nd - Jefferson	Slavery	1814-present
add: Story of Peter Fossett, Burkley Bullock	Consolidate as E 2nd - Jefferson	Slavery	1800s
33. Christ Episcopal Church	Consolidate as Jefferson: Houses of Worship	Religion	1898
34. Magruder Sanitarium	Could be removed	Health	1899
35. Market Street Park	Consolidate as E 2nd - Jefferson	Urban Development	1918-present
36. Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society	Consolidate as E 2nd - Jefferson	Education	1919-present
37. Heather Heyer Way	Consolidate to E 4th-3rd St	Memorial	2017