

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Meeting packet for October 14, 2022, 11:00 AM – 12:50 PM

Attached

- Meeting agenda
- Meeting notes for September 9, 2022 HRC meeting

AGENDA
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **October 14, 2022**; 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Remote meeting via Zoom

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Virtual introductions
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
3. Approval of Meeting Notes: [11:10, 5 minutes]
 - a. Sept. 9, 2022 Meeting Notes
4. Public Comment* [11:15, 10 minutes]
5. Downtown Walking Tour Map Work Session: [11:25, 50 minutes]
 - a. Updates from walking tour map subcommittee
6. Engagement of the Descendant Community for Court Square/Slave Auction Block site: [12:15, 10 minutes]
 - a. Update
 - b. Consider Mr. Varner's suggestion (Sept. 9) that committee discuss preparing a summary for Council.
7. Marker at Herman Key Recreation Center: [12:25, 10 minutes]
(Staff suggests a sub-comm or an individual volunteer to draft text.)
8. Staff Updates: [12:35, 5 minutes]
9. Coordinate Agenda for Nov. 11, 2022 HRC Meeting: [12:40, 5 minutes]
10. Announcements: [12:45, 5 minutes]
 - a. Review upcoming events, lectures, research, etc. that may be of interest to HRC

Adjourn

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.

Meeting Notes (draft)
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **September 9, 2022**; 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Remote meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Kay Slaughter, Phil Varner, Tom Chapman, Jalane Schmidt, Richard Guy Wilson, Gennie Keller, Margaret O’Bryant, John Mason, Dede Smith.

Staff: Jeff Werner, Robert Watkins

Item 1: Call to order.

Mr. Watkins called role.

Mr. Varner thanked Mr. Watkins, Ms. Slaughter and Ms. O’Bryant for their service on HRC.

Item 2. Approval of the agenda:

Ms. Slaughter Kay moved to approve. Mr. Wilson, second. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approval of meeting notes:

Ms. Keller moved to approve August 2022 meeting notes with those who have knowledge of meeting voting on it. Mr. Wilson, second. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Public Comment:

No public comment.

Item 5. Downtown Walking Tour Map:

Mr. Varner suggested committee start in middle of walking tour [near where they finished the August discussion], work to the end of map, and then back to beginning. Draft has been available; Mr. Varner hopes that any substantial changes have already been suggested.

Ms. Slaughter shared that sub-comm has not written second introduction for second page.

Goal for end of meeting is having something to share with stakeholder groups.

Market Street comments:

Ms. O’Bryant noted to coordinate two dates for Central Library (1977 in grid, 1979-1981 in text).

Mr. Wilson suggested a second date be added to Federal Courthouse re: when wings were added (1936).

Ms. Keller asked for clarification if synagogue building was moved to Jefferson Street, or just congregation. (Mr. Werner referred to city’s survey: synagogue constructed in 1882 and later moved/rebuilt to present location.)

Mr. Varner concerned phrase “court order to fully desegregate in 1962” is misleading. Also clarified that courtroom named in honor of the “Swanson case.”

Vinegar Hill comments:

Ms. O’Bryant noted to correct spelling to “Inge’s Store.”

Ms. Keller asked if space allowed to explain the proposed plan to redevelop Vinegar Hill, but instead the result was “haphazard, scattered development.”

Mr. Varner asked if more information might be added re: architecture of Jefferson School (in contrast to Lane High School, or McGuffey, etc.).

Ms. Keller suggested mention of the petition [in ??] to create a secondary school for Black residents of Charlottesville. Also suggested the “gradually” be added before phrase “desegregated all schools by 1965” [in the Desegregation section].

Ms. Keller suggested “Emancipation Park” be added to Market Street Park [to memorialize that change].

Mr. Varner suggested using “interracial” in lieu of “multiracial” on “interracial families” listing. Mr. Chapman noted that such relationships were not considered “common law marriage.”

Ms. Keller clarified the “The Hardware Store” had been “Charlottesville Hardware.” Also suggested the DT Mall designer be referred to as *Lawrence Halprin & Associates*.

Ms. O’Bryant suggested rewriting: “City Council made the bold decision to transform Main Street into a pedestrian mall.”

Transportation Transformation comments:

Ms. Keller suggested acknowledgement that automobiles and streetcars were at times, concurrent.

Misc. comments:

Mr. Chapman update re: discussion with Friends of Cville Downtown and their interest in the map.

Subcommittee will incorporate comments and circulate draft to organizations and interested individuals.

Item 6. Engagement of the Descendant Community for Court Square/Slave Auction Block site:

Ms. Schmidt announced exhibit sponsored by The Memory Project re: 5th year anniversary of 2017 Summer of Hate.

Ms. Schmidt updated graduate student’s summer research: Three researchers, almost through six chancery books [county court records], will begin reviewing public meeting minutes.

Mr. Varner suggested committee determine what to include in summary for Council, noting the amount of work and research being done outside committee.

Item 7. Staff Updates:

No updates.

Item 8. Coordinate meeting for October:

- Hopefully there will be community feedback to review re: walking tour map.
- Continue discussions on Court Square engagement.
- Discuss marker at Herman Key Recreation Center, if draft is ready.

Item 9. Announcements:

Mr. Mason had left meeting earlier, prior to leaving announced opening of The Holsinger Portrait Exhibition on September 22, 2022. (UVa Special Collections; through June 2023.)

Meeting adjourned.