

Meeting Notes
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee^[1]_{SEP}
Friday, October 8, 2021; 11:00 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Remote meeting via Zoom

HRC Members present

Phil Varner, Chair
Sally Duncan, Vice-chair
Margaret O'Bryant
Dede Smith
Genevieve Keller
Jalane Schmidt
Kay Slaughter
Rachel Lloyd
Heather Hill

HRC Members not present

Jessica Livingston

Staff present

Missy Creasy

1. Approval of the agenda:

Kay Slaughter moves to add a discussion and vote on honorariums before the public comment portion of the agenda. Gennie Keller seconds motion. Motion passes (9-0).

2. Approval of meeting notes:

a. September 10, 2021 HRC Meeting Notes

Dede Smith moves to approve the September 10, 2021 HRC meeting notes. Margaret O'Bryant seconds motion. Motion passes (8-0-1, Slaughter abstaining).

Jalane Schmidt moves to provide a \$300 honorarium for Dr. Mabel Wilson. Sally Duncan seconds motion. Motion passes (9-0).

Schmidt moves to extend an invitation and provide a \$300 honorarium for Dr. Anne Bailey to speak before a public audience. The HRC can engage with other partners and co-sponsors in planning this event. Duncan seconds motion. Motion passes (9-0).

The HRC receives no public comment.

Phil Varner moves to modify agenda to talk about walking tour map before Dr. Wilson arrives. Smith seconds motion. Motion passes (9-0).

3. Downtown Walking Tour Map Update:

Subcommittee members provide update that graphic designer has maps underway.

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

Schmidt introduces UVA Memory Project Graduate Researchers: Jake Calhoun and MaDeja Leverett.

Dr. Wilson arrives at meeting. Video from her participation is available through the following link (Dr. Wilson arrives at 35:04).

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/vabajtzeuuyv3iclkx1a?b=ugdlcqil2wgppeto2zjh>

Discussion surveys important points about descendant engagement: public forums are important; people want to know they've been heard; different formats are helpful (meetings, meals, etc.)

Committee members raise several questions: how do you transition from engagement to design? How do you select a site?

Dr. Wilson notes that Court Square is a difficult site in comparison to UVA since it was the site of sales.

Members propose thinking beyond the block, including surrounding parks. Members look at examples of dispersed memorials, such as that in Berlin.

Keller moves to ask to use a small portion of funds to have a work session with a designer to look at the various proposed sites on a map to get a sense of larger geography.

5. Announcements:

Varner announces publication of My Monticello.

Members announce new exhibit at New City Arts, including work by Sandy Williams IV. Propose inviting City staff, Council, and designer for walking tour around Court Square. New Robert Reid exhibit at Jefferson School to open.