

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Meeting packet for October 13, 2023

Attached

- Meeting agenda for **October 13, 2023**
- Mission Statement
- Meeting notes for September 08, 2023

AGENDA
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **October 13, 2023**, 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members

Dede Smith (chair)	Gennie Keller	Lloyd Snook (ex officio)
Jalane Schmidt	Laura Knott	Jeff Werner (staff)
Richard Guy Wilson	William Bergen	Mollie Murphy (staff)
Tom Chapman (ex officio)	Larry Rowley	

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Roll call
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
3. Approval of August 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes: [11:10, 5 minutes]
4. Public Comment* [11:15, 10 minutes]
5. Downtown Walking Tour Map Update: [11:25, 20 minutes]
 - a. Updates from Walking Tour Map subcommittee.
 - b. Coordinate work session for citations.
6. DHR Marker: *Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square* [11:45, 10 minutes]
 - a. Review Final Draft
 - b. Application due October 20, 2023.
7. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square [11:55, 10 minutes]
 - a. Status of update/report to City Council (last updated: October 14, 2022)
8. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people [12:05, 20 minutes]
 - a. Update from subcommittee
 - b. Staff recommendations
 - c. Assign tasks
9. Staff Updates: [12:25, 10 minutes]
10. Coordinate Agenda for December 8, 2023 HRC Meeting: [12:35, 5 minutes]
 - a. No meeting in November – City observed holiday
 - b. Herman Key Rec Center memorial
11. Announcements: [12:40, 5 minutes]
 - a. Review upcoming events, lectures, research, etc. that may be of interest to HRC.
12. Adjourn [12:45]

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.

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Minutes
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **September 08, 2023**, 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
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Laura Knott

Jeff Werner (staff)

Tom Chapman (ex officio)

William Bergen

Mollie Murphy (staff)

Gennie Keller

1. Call to order:

- a. Roll call

2. Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Mr. Bergen. Ms. Knott second. Motion passed 4-0

3. Approval of August 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Mr. Bergen. Ms. Schmidt second. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Public Comment*

No public comment.

5. Downtown Walking Tour Map Update:

- a. Updates from Walking Tour Map subcommittee.
b. Establish subcommittee for online link review

Ms. Keller suggested work session for checking the citations. Mr. Chapman suggested working with Friends of Cville for online use of the map. Mr. Bergen volunteers to work on map citations.

6. DHR Marker for Court Square

- a. Review Draft
b. Application due October 20, 2023.

Ms. Schmidt circulated the draft sent prior to staff; members reviewed draft text:

“Enslaved men, women, and children were sold between the 1820s and 1865 at various Court Square locations: outside taverns, at the Jefferson Hotel, at the "Number Nothing" building, on a tree stump and from the steps in front of the Courthouse—wherein records of such sales were filed and are still archived. The largest auction in Court Square, at Eagle Tavern in January 1829, was that of 33 enslaved individuals from the Monticello estate of Thomas Jefferson. Enslaved Charlottesville residents Fountain Hughes and Maria Perkins recalled court day sales as dreaded occasions which resulted in the permanent separation of families.”

Ms. Knott suggested text changes oxford comma (tree stump, and) for clarity; Mr. Bergen moved, Ms. Knott second. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people
 - a. Establish subcommittee: Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Keller volunteers for subcommittee.
 - b. Set goals:
 - i. Increase committee membership
 - ii. Bridge Builders
 - <https://cvillebridgebuilders.org/biographies/>
 - i. Identify individuals, organizations, places, events associated with leadership during the Civil Rights Movement in Charlottesville. [Use Bridge Builders list as a starting point but examine and consider others.]
 - ii. Develop narrative/history regarding people, places, and events. Link people and events to places. Activity associated with a space or place.
 - iii. Consider ways to present/interpret that information: signage, on-line, presentations, etc.
 - iv. Consider historic designation, if warranted.
 - v. In addition to education, linking people and events to places (for ex, Drewary Brown was born and raised here) so as to encourage preservation of historic sites/properties.
8. City Parks
 - i. Opportunity to add historic information to City's website (<https://www.charlottesville.gov/Facilities>)
 - a. Staff will get approval from Parks & Rec to update parks website
 - b. Ms. Knott offered to review prior website park information
9. Staff Updates:
 - a. Vestige Sign party at 4:30 today, Sept. 8th. Rehabilitation was approved by BAR.
 - b. McKee Block GPR cost is \$20k, will ask for project bid to be \$15k
 - i. \$5k CLG
 - ii. Staff ask the committee for \$5k
 - Motion to make available up to \$5k for archeological investigation (\$10k out of Historic Survey funds)
 - Ms. Knott moves, Mr. Bergen second. Motion passed 4-0.
 - iii. Ms. Keller suggest making funds available to document places for the Civil Rights Movement, staff explained the CLG process for grants.
 - Cultural History grant
 - To add the "Human piece" of the National Register of 10th & Page
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 - ii. Downtown Walking Tour Map Update
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- Center at Belvedere – WCHV’s 90th Anniversary Celebration: Sept 15th

12 . Adjourn