

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Meeting packet for January 12, 2024

Attached

- Meeting agenda for **January 12, 2024**
- Mission Statement
- Meeting notes for December 8, 2023

AGENDA

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

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HRC members

Dede Smith (chair)

Jalane Schmidt

Richard Guy Wilson

Gennie Keller

Laura Knott

William Bergen

Larry Rowley

James Rucker

Lloyd Snook (ex officio)

Tom Chapman (ex officio)

Jeff Werner (staff)

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Welcome new member
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
3. Approval of December 8, 2023 Meeting Notes: [11:10, 5 minutes]
4. Public Comment* [11:15, 10 minutes]
5. Downtown Walking Tour Map update: [11:25, 50 minutes]
6. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people
[12:15, 10 minutes]
 - a. Check-in
7. Markers [12:25, 10 minutes]
 - a. Updates, if any.
8. Herman Key Rec Center Memorial: [if time allows]
9. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square [if time allows]
10. Staff Updates: [12:35, 10 minutes]
11. Coordinate Agenda for February 2025 HRC Meeting: [12:45, 5 minutes]
12. Announcements: [12:50, 5 minutes]
 - a. Review upcoming events, lectures, research, etc. that may be of interest to HRC.
13. Adjourn [12:50]

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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Meeting notes
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **December 8, 2023**, 11:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members

Present

Dede Smith (chair)
Richard Guy Wilson
Gennie Keller
William Bergen

Lloyd Snook (ex officio)
Tom Chapman (ex officio)
Jeff Werner (staff)

Absent

Jalane Schmidt
Laura Knott
Larry Rowley

Public

Margaret O'Bryant

1. Call to order: [11:05]
 - Roll call. Quorum established. (four of seven members present)
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
 - Unanimous consent to amend the agenda, moving the Walking Tour Map discussion (#5) to after items #6, 7, 8, and 9.
 - Question was raised (see October 2023 notes) about allowing HRC members to participate remotely. With COVID protocols lifted, committees can no longer hold remote meetings. Also, if a City phone was used for members to call in, then that would have to be available to the public. Nothing prohibits an absent member from calling a present member's cell phone and listening in, but they cannot participate in the meeting or count towards a quorum.
3. Approval of October 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes:
 - Noted there was no quorum for Oct 13, 2023 meeting. Unanimous consent to include notes in record, but not as formal minutes.
4. Public Comment
 - No comments. (Mrs. O'Bryant present to assist with the Walking Tour Map discussion.)
5. ~~Downtown Walking Tour Map update: [11:25, 50 minutes]~~
6. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people
 - No updates. Staff reiterated the current goal of HRC members continuing to add information to the spreadsheet [list of names], creating a summary of dates, events, and [primarily] places that can associated with each person, and later incorporated into a GIS, story map.
7. Markers
 - **701 Preston Ave, Carver Inn - Greenbook Site:** D.Smith read a request from Edwina St. Rose asking the HRC to install a marker recognizing this site. There was unanimous consent for G.Keller's proposal to prepare an application for a VDHR roadside marker,

noting that VDHR has a special plaque/marker for Green Book sites. [Staff note: When time and resources allow, staff will prepare a draft request to VDHR. Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis. The May 1 deadline is the most likely. If not, then Aug 1. See: www.dhr.virginia.gov/highway-markers/marker-application-process/] It was also noted there are several Green Book sites in the City that the HRC should consider recognizing.

- **620 Ridge Street, Eugene Williams:** Mr. Williams had contacted staff about installing a marker to recognize that his house at 620 Ridge Street is within a NRHP historic district. Discussion that the house is *a contributing structure* to the Ridge Street Historic District [www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/104-0025/], it is likely eligible for individual listing due to association with Mr. Williams. Association with the Michtom family was also suggested [ref. Michtom's Department Store]. Consensus to consider preparing a NRHP nomination. G.Keller suggested it could be one of several sites proposed under a Multiple Resource Nomination recognizing sites associated with the Civil Rights Movement, referring to the planned work under item #6. D.Smith offered to discuss further with Mr. Williams.
- **Monacan Indian Nation:** Had been discussed by individuals outside HRC, but no information on status of that effort.

8. Herman Key Rec Center Memorial:

- No discussion

9. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square

- No discussion
- [Staff Note: On December 14, VDHR notified staff the Board of Historic Resources voted to select the "Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square" marker proposal as one of the five projects that will advance in the process toward becoming a state marker.]

5. Downtown Walking Tour Map update:

- Discussion of remaining questions. Goal is for a limited printing by early spring

10. Staff Updates:

- Anticipating a request from descendants of individuals enslaved at Pen Park for the City to complete a precise delineation of the area of unmarked graves.
- GPR work conducted at McKee Block in mid-November. [Project funded by HRC, City's Historic Surveys Fund, and a CLG grant.] Initial results suggest extant foundations and other resources associated with the site's 19th century development.
- No update yet on the expected NRHP listing of the Downtown Mall.

11. Coordinate Agenda for January 12, 2023 HRC Meeting:

- n/a

12. Announcements:

- n/a

13. Adjourn 1:00