

**Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Meeting packet for February 9, 2024**

Attached

- Meeting agenda for **February 9, 2024**
- Mission Statement
- Meeting notes for January 12, 2024

Tentative 2024 meeting schedule

(second Friday of each month)

- March 8, 2024
- April 12, 2024
- May 10, 2024
- June 10, 2024
- July 12, 2024
- August 9, 2024
- September 13, 2024
- October 11, 2024
- November 8, 2024
- December 13, 2024

Historic Resources Committee February 1, 2024				
#	First Name	Last Name	Title	Term Length
1	Deirdre	Smith	Member	9/1/2012- 8/31/2025
2	Genevieve	Keller	Member	7/1/2023-6/30/2026
3	Jalane	Schmidt	Member	7/1/2023-6/30/2026
4	Vacant		Member	appointment to 6/30/2026
5	Richard	Wilson	Member	7/1/2023-6/30/2026
6	James	Rucker	Member	1/1/2024-6/30/2026
7	Vacant		Member	6/22/2022 - 6/30/2024
8	William	Bergen	Member	1/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
9	Larry	Rowley	Member	1/1/2023 - 6/30/2026
10	Vacant		Member	appointment to 6/31/2025
11	Vacant		Member	appointment to 6/31/2025
12	Vacant		Member	appointment to 6/31/2025

Tom	Chapman	Ex-officio	ACHS - Standing Member
Lloyd	Snook	Ad hoc	City Council - Standing Member
Jeff	Werner	Staff Advisor	Standing Member

AGENDA
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, February 9, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members [7 of 12 seats filled]

Dede Smith (chair)

Jalane Schmidt

Richard Guy Wilson

Gennie Keller

William Bergen

Larry Rowley

James Rucker

Lloyd Snook (City Council, ad hoc)

Tom Chapman (ACHS, ex officio)

Jeff Werner (staff)

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Laura Knott resignation (moving out of state)
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, 20 minutes]
 - a. Print schedule. Initial run of 1,500 maps. (approximately \$1,327, per printer quotes.)
6. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square: [11:45, 15 minutes]
 - a. Schedule presentation to HRC, plan for subsequent recommendation to Council.
7. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people
[12:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Check-in
8. Markers [12:05, 20 minutes]
 - a. Carver Inn application submitted by staff. Location on Preston Ave confirmed.
 - b. Slavery at Court Square: VDHR questions
 - c. Johnson Elementary: discuss options for new plaque.
 - d. Donate Vinegar Hill posters [from CODE Building fence] to ACHS
9. Herman Key Rec Center Memorial: [12:25, 5 minutes]
10. Staff Updates: [12:30, 15 minutes]
 - a. Eugene Williams request re: updates to on-line information
 - b. Discussion with Todd Niemeier, Human Rights Commission.
 - c. Oakwood Cemetery: drainage issues at south [formerly segregated] section
 - d. Pen Park.

- i. Delineation of area of unmarked graves.
 - ii. HRC contribution to ACHS intern.
 - iii. HRC contribution to LIDAR examination
- e. McKee Block
- f. Drewary Brown Bridge/Bridge Builders

11. Coordinate Agenda for March 2024 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 [12:55]

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 (draft)
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **January 12, 2024**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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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
James Rucker

Public

Margaret O'Bryant
Kay Slaughter
Edwina St. Rose

1. Call to order:
 - a. Quorum established. (four of eight members present)
2. Approval of the agenda:
 - Ms. Smith moved, with unanimous consent, to amend the agenda, moving the Walking Tour Map discussion (#5) to after items #6, 7, 8, and 9.
 - Ms. Smith proposed, with unanimous consent, the HRC read into the record a letter acknowledging Mollie Murphy's contributions to the committee and, through her mapping work, to the City's historic preservation goals and objectives. [Mr. Werner offered to draft a letter to be read at the February meeting.]
3. Approval of December 8, 2023 Meeting Notes.
 - Mr. Bergen moved to approve. Mr. Wilson second. Unanimous consent to approve.
4. Public Comment [11:15, 10 minutes]
 - No comments
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 specific discussion. Staff urged members to continue adding information to the spreadsheet.
 - General comments offered:
 - Review the historic eras/periods associated with the Civil Rights Movement to make sure we are covering the broad sweep of history.
 - Work to establish/memorialize *place-based* associations of individuals and events. In addition to importance of neighborhood surveys (for ex, 10th & Page), to go beyond what are traditionally architectural surveys and begin to examine and summarize the histories and stories of individuals and their accomplishments. Use the stories associated with properties [sites/structures] to encourage preservation and protection. Identify elements that *contribute to the broad patterns of our [community's] history*. Use that information to evaluate and consider historic designation of individual sites.

7. Markers

- Update re: VDHR selection of the proposed marker Slavery in Court Square as one of five to be presented to state review board in March. It was noted that Charlottesville Tomorrow had asked if the descendant community had been involved in this marker. The committee responded that the drafted text reflects the descendant voices that have for several years been part of the HRC's discussions about Court Square.
- Edwina St. Rose asked HRC to sponsor a request to VDHR for a state historical marker recognizing the site of the *Carver Inn*, a segregated, Green Book-listed hotel on Preston Ave. Ms. Smith moved, with unanimous consent, to help Ms. St. Rose prepare and submit the application. [Note: on January 23, 2024, staff forwarded to VDHR the application and associated citations provided by Ms. St. Rose.]
 - Ms. Keller suggested the committee consider individual recognition for Beatrice Fowlkes, for all her contributions, including her association with the Carver Inn.
- Ms. Smith spoke with Eugene Williams re: a requested marker for his residence on Ridge Street. At this time, he does not deem it as urgent. He did, however, requests that the City install a new, larger marker at Johnson Elementary. The current marker, installed in 2019 to celebrate the 1962 integration of the school, was funded by the City's Human Rights Commission. [Staff offered to prepare a cost estimate for a new marker.]

8. Herman Key Rec Center Memorial

- No discussion

9. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square

- No discussion

5. Downtown Walking Tour Map

- Review discussion of latest edits.
- Acknowledgment of additional costs beyond original budget.
- Consensus for an initial print of 1,500 maps. (approximately \$1,327, per printer quotes.)

10. Staff Updates

- Staff mentioned the CRHA's recent acquisition of 407, 511, 515, and 517 Ridge Street, all within the Ridge Street ADC District and NRHP Historic District. Staff mentioned the planned rehabilitations would be eligible for Tax Credits, but uncertain if CHRA is a qualified to participate in the VDHR program. Preservation Piedmont was also made aware. Staff will monitor and advise as necessary.
- Staff mentioned the site of Mel's Diner (715 W. Main) and adjacent 731 W. Main would be would be subject of a BAR prelim discussion on January 17.

11. Coordinate Agenda for February 2024 HRC Meeting:

12. Announcements:

- No announcements.

13. Adjourn [1:00]