

**Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Meeting packet for April 12, 2024**

Attached

- Meeting agenda for April 12, 2024
- Mission Statement
- Meeting notes for February 9, 2024, and March 8, 2024

Tentative 2024 meeting schedule

(second Friday of each month)

- 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

Current HRC members

Historic Resources Committee April 2, 2024		
Name	Title	Term Expires
Deirdre Smith (chair)	Member	8/31/2025
Genevieve Keller	Member	6/30/2026
Jalane Schmidt	Member	6/30/2026
Richard Wilson	Member	6/30/2026
William Bergen	Member	6/30/2026
Julie Basic	Member	6/30/2025
[Vacant]	Member	
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Tom Chapman	Ex-officio	ACHS - Standing Member (ex officio)
Lloyd Snook	Ex-officio	City Council - Standing Member (ad hoc)
Jeff Werner	Staff Advisor	Standing Member

AGENDA

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

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HRC members

Dede Smith (chair)
Jalane Schmidt
Richard Guy Wilson

Gennie Keller
William Bergen
Julie Basic

Lloyd Snook (Council, ad hoc)
Tom Chapman (ACHS, ex off)
Jeff Werner (staff)

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - a. Roll call
 - b. Intros.
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
3. Approval of February 9, 2024 and March 8, 2024 Meeting Notes: [11:10, 5 minutes]
4. Public Comment* [11:15, 5 minutes]
5. Downtown Walking Tour Map: [11:20, 5 minutes]
 - a. Update only.
6. Oakwood Cemetery: [11:25, 25 minutes]
 - a. Parks & Rec presentation re: Oakwood Cemetery. Resolving drainage issues at the south end, the formerly the segregated area of the cemetery.
7. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square: [11:50, 40 minutes]
 - a. Discuss Memory Project presentation from the April 10 event [at Belvedere].
 - b. Draft HRC recommendations to be presented to City Council.
8. Markers [12:30, 5 minutes]
 - a. Update only.
9. Staff Updates: [12:35, 10 minutes]
 - a. Share info re: 10th and Page
 - b. Update on proposed C.H. Brown HC District
10. Coordinate Agenda for May 10, 2024 HRC Meeting: [12:45, 5 minutes]
11. Announcements: [12:50, 5 minutes]
 - a. Review upcoming events, lectures, research, etc. that may be of interest to HRC.
12. 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, **February 9, 2024**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members present.

D. Smith (chair)
J. Schmidt
R.G. Wilson
G. Keller
W. Bergen

~~L. Rowley~~
~~J. Rucker~~
L. Snook (Council, ad hoc)
T. Chapman (ACHS, ex off)
J. Werner (staff)

Guests
Julie Basic
Jordan ? (UVA student)
Ben ? (UVA student)

1. Call to order:

- Roll call
- Noted Laura Knott resignation (moving out of state)
- Intros

2. Approval of the agenda:

- Unanimous consent to approve agenda, with request to add discussion re: Parks & Rec master plan process.

3. Approval of December 8, 2023 Meeting Notes:

- Unanimous consent to approve December 2023 meeting notes (Bergen, Wilson)

4. Public Comment

- No comments

5. Downtown Walking Tour Map update:

- Ms. Smith reported the designer is incorporating the latest edits, expect a draft pdf by next meeting.
- Agreement on print schedule. Initial run of 1,500 maps. (approximately \$1,327, per printer quotes.)

6. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square:

- Ms. Schmidt introduced two UVa students who have been working on the Memory Project. Three-year process, work will wrap up in August. Students reviewed record on Albemarle County Court House related to enslaved persons. Work applied the Montpelier protocols. Goal is to make the information accessible, both hard copies and as a digital resource. Project applies recommendations of the 2016 Blue Ribbon Commission on Race. Anticipate a presentation to HRC this spring, from which the HRC can develop and submit to Council recommendations related to memorialization within Court Square.
- Staff suggested the HRC consider two items in any recommendations to Council: 1) opportunities related to City park property (for ex, design for Court Sq Park); and 2) other opportunities unrelated to the park.

- Ms. Schmidt noted the City has an opportunity to do something of great importance.
- Mr. Snook suggested HRC look for opportunity to present to Council during the pre-meeting time (typically 4:00) when they receive updates.
- Ms. Schmidt noted the importance of reminding elected officials of the ongoing progress related to projects initiated in 2016. The Memory Project report will form a historical record and serve as the basis for action recommended by the HRC.
- Ms. Keller noted there are threads that must still be explored and evaluated. HRC should discuss/recommend things that require follow up.

Note: Missed under item 1, with unanimous consent, Ms. Smith read the following into the HRC record:

On behalf of the City of Charlottesville's Historic Resources Committee, I propose the following expression of appreciation for Ms. Mollie Murphy be read into the formal record. Between November 2022 and December 2023, Ms. Murphy served as the City's Assistant Preservation and Design Planner, during which, in addition to her primary responsibility of assisting the Board of Architectural Review, she provided invaluable assistance on several of the HRC's initiatives, including the Downtown Walking Tour Map, preparing the application for a state marker recognizing the Sales of Enslaved People in Court Square, the archeological investigations of the Swan Tavern site and the McKee Block site, and the ongoing work related to the unmarked graves at Pen Park. Ms. Murphy is especially recognized for applying her GIS experience and unique skill set towards establishing a map-based inventory of the City's historical surveys, a tool intended to promote public access to historical records and documents. The Historic Resources Committee extends to Ms. Murphy its sincerest gratitude for her accomplishments for and contributions to the City of Charlottesville, and wishes her continued success in the next phase of her career path.

7. Identifying and interpreting mid-20th century local Civil Rights events, places, and people
 - Staff reminded HRC to continue adding facts and information to the spreadsheet listing the individuals honored as Bridge Builders, and to add other important people, places, and events that should be recognized. Goal is to develop information that can be linked to individual parcels as a GIS story map.
 - Ms. Keller asked that France Brand be added.
8. Markers
 - Carver Inn application submitted to VDHR by staff. Staff also confirmed there is room to install it next to the sidewalk on Preston Ave.
 - Slavery at Court Square: Brief discussion re: resolution of VDHR.
 - Johnson Elementary: Staff was directed to get cost estimates for a new marker with larger text size, option for a painted aluminum marker in lieu of bronze.
 - Vinegar Hill Posters: Unanimous consent to donate to the Alb-Cville Historical Society the seven vinyl posters that had been on the CODE Building construction barrier, with several that had been spray painted with graffiti during the protests related to George Floyd's murder.
9. Herman Key Rec Center Memorial:

- No update.
- Raised by Ms. Smith, she and Ms. Keller volunteered to represent HRC on Parks & Rec planning committee. Importance of Tonsler Park, Washington Park, Ct Sq Park and Market St Park.
- Related to Eugene Williams request to install a marker at his house, 620 Ridge Street, Ms. Keller offered to evaluate the summary in the Ridge Street [NRHP] Historic District, possibly updating the house from a contributing resource to being individually listed.

10. Staff Updates:

- Oakwood Cemetery: brief summary of Parks & Rec work to address drainage issues at south [formerly segregated] section. [Note: Parks & Rec scheduled to present findings at the April HRC meeting.]
- Pen Park
 - i. HRC declined staff request to provide funds towards the planned, \$10k LIDAR examination of the entire park.
 - ii. Mr. Chapman asked, HRC unanimously consented to a motion to provide \$2,500 towards the ongoing work by ACHS to identify and contact descendants of people enslaved at Pen Park. (Keller, Bergen)

11. Coordinate Agenda for March 2024 HRC Meeting

- Not recorded.

12. Announcements:

- Not recorded.

13. Adjourn

Meeting Notes - Draft
Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **March 8, 2024**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members present.

D. Smith (chair)	W. Bergen	T. Chapman (ACHS, ex off)
J. Schmidt	J. Rucker	J. Werner (staff)
R.G. Wilson	J. Basie	
G. Keller	L. Snook (Council, ad hoc)	

1. Call to order:

- Roll call.
- Ms. Smith noted that Mr. Rowley resigned from the committee.

2. Approval of the agenda:

- Following a motion, unanimous consent to approve agenda.

3. ~~Approval of February 9, 2024 Meeting Notes~~

- Not available

4. Public Comment

- No comments

5. Downtown Walking Tour Map:

- After receiving final edits, staff will circulate pdf via email for an informal look. If no significant concerns, staff will work with designer to coordinate an initial print of 1,500 maps. (Estimated cost is \$1,327.)

6. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square:

- At the ACHS event on April 10, at Belvedere, available members of HRC will meet with UVa students who have participated in the Memory Project. Following that, at its regular meeting on April 12, the HRC will discuss drafting and presenting related recommendations.
- Following a motion, unanimous consent for HRC to co-sponsor the April 10 event.

7. Identify/interpret local Civil Rights events, places, and people

- Staff urged HRC to continue adding facts and information to the spreadsheet.
- Comments on necessity of documenting the Civil Rights Movement in Charlottesville.
- Various suggestions on how to share what information we have. For ex, an educational tour of site associated with the Civil Rights Movement.
- Suggested we revisit the historical surveys completed for Starr Hill, Rose Hill, and 10th and Page neighborhoods to determine what next steps are possible for seeking individual designation. (For ex, retaining consultants to advise on eligibility and prepare NRHP nominations.) Staff noted that seeking formal designation—whether local, state, or

federal-- requires support from the property owner and the community. Before anything is considered, the HRC must do the groundwork and establish that support.

- Comment that historical surveys too often, albeit by general practice, focus only on architecture, with little to no attention given to cultural and oral histories.

8. Markers [12:15, 20 minutes]

- Updates:
 - i. Carver Inn application submitted to VDHR.
 - ii. Slavery at Court Square: On March 21 VDHR review board agenda.
- Johnson Elementary marker.
 - i. Ms. Smith discussed possibility of the City Schools will contribute to a new marker. (Estimated cost is \$6,400 for painted aluminum.)
 - ii. Prior to ordering, resolve best colors to assure visibility.

9. Staff Updates: [12:35, 10 minutes]

- Staff noted the BAR is reviewing the Design Guidelines and asked if there are any lists that identify building completed by notable architects.

10. Coordinate Agenda for April 12, 2024 HRC Meeting:

- Parks & Rec will make presentation re: Oakwood Cemetery drainage issues
- Discuss: Memory Project summary and next steps re: recommendations to Council.

11. Announcements:

- a. Nothing recorded.

12. Adjourned [12:55]