

AGENDA

Charlottesville Historic Resources Committee
Friday, **May 10, 2024**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
NDS Conference Room

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HRC members

Dede Smith (chair)	William Bergen	Tom Chapman (ACHS, ex off)
Jalane Schmidt	Julie Basic	Jeff Werner (staff)
Richard Guy Wilson	James Rucker	
Gennie Keller	Lloyd Snook (Council, ad hoc)	

1. Call to order: [11:00, 5 minutes]
 - Roll call
 - Intros.
2. Approval of the agenda: [11:05; 5 minutes]
 - **Note:** Check summer meeting availability.
3. Approval of April 12, 2024 Meeting Notes:
 - Not available.
4. Public Comment* [11:10, 5 minutes]
5. Downtown Walking Tour Map: [11:15, 5 minutes]
 - a. Update only.
6. Engagement of Descendant Community: Slavery and Court Square: [11:20, 20 minutes]
 - Two tasks:
 - i. Discuss possible HRC recommendations to be presented to City Council. (Staff suggests recommendations related what might be incorporated into the Parks planning process.)
 - ii. Coordinate student presentation to Council.
7. Markers [11:40, 15 minutes]
 - Zion Union Church (former site on 4th Street NE, see attachment) Request from community. For info/history, see: <https://zubc.website/history>
 - Carver Inn:
 - i. VDHR staff approved draft text (below) to be presented to State Review Board in June.
 - ii. JW working with City Commissioner of Revenue to determine if old tax records indicate when the inn was established, then we can include that on the marker.

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Alternate

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8. Identifying/interpreting local Civil Rights events, places, and people [11:55, 20 minutes]
 - Check-in. Goal is to compile information to be linked via GIS to individual parcels
9. Staff Updates:
 - n/a
10. Coordinate Agenda for June 14, 2024 HRC Meeting: [12:15, 5 minutes]
11. Announcements: [12:20, 5 minutes]
 - Review upcoming events, lectures, research, etc. that may be of interest to HRC.
12. Adjourn

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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