

Agenda
City of Charlottesville
Historic Resources Committee
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
NDS Conference Room



HRC Members

Julie Basic (Chair)	Gennie Keller	Dede Smith
Bill Bergen	Caden Martz	Lloyd Snook (Council, ad hoc)
Denny Berry (Vice-Chair)	Kate Richardson (staff)	Jeff Werner (staff)
Sterling Howell (ACHS)	James Rucker	Richard Guy Wilson
Nancy Damon	Jalane Schmidt	

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1. Call to order [10:00]
 2. Approval of the agenda
 3. March meeting review/minutes
 4. Public Comment* [10:10, 5 minutes]
 5. Review of Carver Inn Event [10:15, 5 minutes]
 6. Mall 50th Anniversary 2026 [10:20, 30 minutes]
 - Organizational Meeting
 - 50th Mall History Website
 7. Johnson Elementary Marker: Update [10:50, 10 minutes]
 - Johnson Elementary Marker Installation
 - Event on April 16th @ 1 or 1:30 PM
 8. BPAC Walk Updates [11:00, 10 minutes]
 - News, notes, feedback
 - May BPAC Walk (D. Berry, Woolen Mills)
 9. HRC Social Media [11:10, 10 minutes]
 - Update and upcoming events (C. Martz)
 10. Lexicon Infographic [11:20, 10 minutes]
 - Project discussion
 11. HRC Webpage [11:30, 10 minutes]
 - Discussion
 - Format for posting latest news & Laserfiche archive bites
 12. Three-Notched Trail History [11:40, 10 minutes]

- Discussion – City/County trails project

13. Staff Updates & Announcements [11:50, 10 minutes]

- Levy Opera House signage text
- Pending demolition BAR CoA requests
- Cemetery interest/projects/Martha Jefferson HC district review

14. Adjourn: [12:00 PM]

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 Minutes - Draft
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Denny Berry (Vice Chair)	Kate Richardson (staff)	Jeff Werner (staff)
Tom Chapman (ACHS, ex-off)	James Rucker	Richard Guy Wilson
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1. Call to order [10:00]
2. Approval of the agenda Ms. Smith (serving as Chair) requested a vote. Motion: Mr. Wilson. Second: Ms. Keller. Approved 6-0
3. February meeting review/minutes – No formal action was taken initially due to attendance, but agenda was approved once quorum was reached. Ms. Smith commented that the minutes captured how “big” of a meeting it was [work plan discussions].
4. Public Comment* No public comments.
5. Review of Court Square Event
 Event was held March 3rd on “Liberation and Freedom Day”. Members commented on the large turnout, uniqueness of situation, and media coverage. Staff was overall very pleased that the community was engaged and responsive.
6. Mall 50th Anniversary 2026 [11:15, 20 minutes]
 Update from sub-committee (Ms. Damon & Ms. Keller):
 Ms. Keller provided a brief update on planning. Theme should be fun and not solely mired in history and design although that is certainly an important aspect. Beth Meyers should be involved as the Mall’s expert; it could be a symposium format or similar.
 Support needed/next steps:
 HRC will support connections with partner organizations to assist in planning.
 Is there funding? A film to document this celebration was proposed.
 Themes discussed: *A Summer of Music* (period music, or 1976-present); *Trees on the Mall: Environment and the Public*.
7. Virginia 250 Celebration [10:25, 10 minutes]
 Update from Mr. Werner
 Mr. Werner attended a meeting held at the City Manager’s office (Sam Sanders, Economic Development, Communications, etc.) and received the following information: The City will support planned events for example if the HRC coordinates or sponsors an event. Otherwise the city will only be planning for a 2-day event July 3-4th 2026.

8. Johnson Elementary Marker: Update

The marker is being held at the city yard, and HRC will communicate with City Schools to collaborate on a plan for unveiling. Ms. Smith will communicate and loop in staff in the coming weeks.

9. Carver Inn Marker: Update

All plans have been finalized for the marker unveiling on March 22nd at 3PM. Mayor Wade will attend along with the family VIPs and community members. Communications will record video. Preservation Piedmont is hosting the post-unveiling event at the central library, where Lorenzo Dickerson's film "Carver Inn" will be viewed. HRC is posting details on social media.

10. HRC Social Media

Detailed outline of social media plans reviewed including recent posts for the marker unveilings and cross-over events with community partners. Content development is ongoing- C. Martz and J. Basic organize and communicate with staff.

11. BPAC Walk Updates

News, notes, feedback- Very successful program, the walks are fun and those in attendance enjoy the neighborhood histories. Discussion included caution referencing neighborhood boundaries, and that there already exists an abundance of information compiled on the histories of these specific neighborhood areas. April's walk is on UVA grounds, so they produced the flyer.

12. Lexicon Infographic

Tabled this discussion upon return of J. Basic at the next meeting.

13. Staff Updates & Announcements

Member attendance [see attached operating procedures & Resolution] Please review at your convenience.

Levy Opera House signage approval – staff update on the County's plans for a new orienteering sign on the building.

6. Adjourn: [12:00 PM]

Agenda Attachments: (Posted online and circulated at the meeting.)

- Historic Resources Committee Rules of Procedure
- Resolution Regarding Meeting Attendance