

Agenda
City of Charlottesville
Historic Resources Committee
Regular Meeting
May 9, 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)
Tom Chapman (ACHS, ex off)	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. April meeting review/minutes
 4. Public Comment* [10:10, 5 minutes]
 5. Review of Johnson Elementary marker Event [10:15, 10 minutes]
 - J. Basic & D. Smith
 6. Mall 50th Anniversary 2026 [11:25, 20 minutes]
 - Coordination meeting May 1 – review
 - How can HRC fit into Friends of Downtown Cville’s 2026 plan
 7. BPAC Walk Updates [11:45, 10 minutes]
 - News, notes, feedback
 - June BPAC Walk (J. Basic, Locust Grove)
 - July & August volunteers needed
 8. HRC Social Media [11:55, 10 minutes]
 - Update and upcoming events (C. Martz)
 9. HRC Webpage [11:05, 5 minutes]
 - Request for project images
 10. Workplan 2025 [11:10, 10 minutes]
 - Update
 - Priorities check-in
 11. City Schools Collaboration [11:20, 10 minutes]
 - D. Berry – update & progress

12. Staff Updates [11:30, 15 minutes]

- Vinegar Hill discussion/updates
- Update on vacancies
- ACHS leadership

13. Announcements [11:45, 5 minutes]

- Upcoming items of interest to HRC.

6. Adjourn: [11:50 AM]

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
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Call to order [10:00]

- Carver Inn Event Review
 - Police were very helpful in assisting with the event
 - Large attendance and many descendants attended
 - Descendants came from as far as Michigan and North Carolina
 - Several former mayors
- Mall 50th Anniversary
 - Ask Municipal Band to play medley
 - Steve Langham?
 - Trying to get a military band
 - Gennie - 1976 was a seminal year in Charlottesville
 - Look at historic photos in City Hall
 - Panels & Speakers
 - Genevieve Keller
 - Bill Bergen
 - Exhibits
 - Cville and the Mall Comparative Timeline
 - Huja and Cole Representation
 - Record Mall thoughts
 - LOOK-style exhibits in the trees
 - Performances
 - Tree Commission poet
 - JLB - reach out to people
 - Not ACHS (too busy)
 - Yes Michael Caplin at Friends of Cville
 - Interpretive Kiosk at Coke Sign?
 - National Register Plaque
 - Light projections on buildings (already on the works)
 - Landscape Architecture
 - Beth Meyer
 - Did over 200 communities create a Mall in the 1970s? And are just 15 left?

- Bill Lucy - said the that trees got large enough to provide shade which made the Mall popular
- Jalane notes wealth changed the demographic and atmosphere of the Mall
 - Can we have a Peoples' History of the Mall to discuss the societal experiences on the Mall?
- 50th Mall will receive some type of funding
 - Council Strategic Initiative Fund
 - Natalie Oschrin and Lloyd Snook will be City contacts

Johnson Elementary Marker

- Dede has invited the Williams family, NAACP, and former school employee/friend
- Reserve a parking space - Julie Basic
- Dede will do the intro

Outreach to Schools

- Kate spoke with Beth Cheuk about using the City as a Classroom
- Kate and Beth packaged several ideas
- Denny spoke with Allison Brown (CCS Social Studies Coordinator)
- HRC wants to help not hinder; teachers need TIME to do these things so needs to get involved into the curriculum
- Also teacher knowledge; most teachers aren't from here and so don't know how to speak about it
- KEY PROJECT: Swan Tavern Artifacts - 5th grade standard covers archaeology and would mesh well with Swan Tavern teaching
- SECOND PROJECT: Could we do an elementary version of Charlottesville's Preservation Surveys map where kids find their house and see what's historic about it; kids could write about the history of their area
- Tanya Coffey is CCS Science Coordinator
 - GIS-based efforts?
 - What about the Comp Plan software?
- Teacher In-Service Day to bring teachers up to speed?
 - I.e. teaching teachers how to teach about Cville history

Walking Tour:

- Julie - June Locust Grove
- Dede - July Ridge Street

HRC Social Media

- Instagram is not a worthwhile effort given lack of viewership
- Caden will send out Johnson Marker after the event
- Please send May events to Caden

Lexicon Infographic

- Julie Basic to send out preliminary info about infographic
- Others to send info about what they'd want to see on the document

HRC Webpage

- NDS is revitalizing websites
- We have opportunity to create HRC-specific website
- Kate wants feedback on the draft website

Three-Notched Trail

- No thank you

Staff Updates

- Levy Opera house text is done; a new sign will be created
- Demo Requests
 - Wertebaker House (Wertland & 14th)
 - Wertland Demo projects
 - What can HRC do to guide demolition choices?
- Cemetery Interest
 - Jeff/Kate walked through MJH neighborhood
 - Maplewood volunteer help?
 - Collapse of the wall?
 - Ellen Wagner, Maria and Bob Japle (sp?), Bryan Menard, Lydia Brant
 - RGW can contact Lydia Brant
 - Also check with ACHS
 - Brown and Tayloe family