

Agenda
City of Charlottesville
Historic Resources Committee
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM NDS
Conference Room



HRC Members

Julie Basic (Chair), Denny Berry (Vice-Chair), Bill Bergen, Olivia Brown (ACHS),
Hannah Keller (FoC), Lucy Pola, Johnathan Rice, Elizabeth Shillue, Lloyd Snook (Council),
Richard Guy Wilson.
Staff: Jeff Werner & Kate Richardson

1. **Call to order** [10:00]
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Meeting Minutes** July 10, 2026 [Attached to this agenda.]
4. **Public Comment*** [10:10, 5 minutes]
5. **Comments re: Virtual Updates** [10:15, 5 minutes]
 - Beloved Cville
 - ACHS
6. **Marker at Court Square** [10:20, 15 minutes]
 - Review CSEM request to City leadership
 - HRC recommendation to City Council
7. **Memorialization Policy** [10:35, 35 minutes]
 - Continued discussion
 - Nomination trial run
8. **Vinegar Hill Commemoration History** [11:10, 30 minutes]
 - Review past and present markers/signs
 - Vinegar Hill Park (concept by L. Knott)
9. **Neighborhood Walking Tours - BPAC** [11:40, 5 minutes]
 - September – Martha Jefferson & Little High (J. Rice)
 - October – Barracks Rd/Rugby (L. Pola)
 - December – Belmont (D. Berry)
10. **Liberty Bell Replica** [11:45, 5 minutes]
 - Update from subcommittee
11. **Chair's report to City Council** [11:50, 10 minutes]
 - Preview for September 21st.

12. **Announcements & Staff updates** [*if any*]

13. **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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Minutes
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1. **Call to order** [10:00]
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 3. **Meeting Minutes** May 8, 2026 [Attached to this agenda.]
 4. **Public Comment*** [10:10, 5 minutes]

Ms. Genevieve Keller

- Preservation Virginia has four participants in their [African American Fellowship Program](#) in 2026. Applications for the program will be open again in the fall.
- Asks that HRC re-open consideration of a Vinegar Hill commemorative project
 - i. Noted that the original Halprin & Halprin master plan for the Downtown Mall (DTM) recommended a plaque for Vinegar Hill
 - ii. Noted that she and Edwina St. Rose would like to install a standard DHR Marker somewhere in the area near former Vinegar Hill community

5. **HRC Membership Changes** [10:15, 5 minutes]

- Welcome new member: Jonathan Rice
- Thank you to Jen Trompetter who recently left the HRC to join the Board of Architectural Review.

6. **Memorialization Policy** [10:20, 20 minutes]

- Draft policy – continued review & discussion

Discussion focused on nominations, review of applications, potential funding sources, and coordination with stakeholders and city staff.

Several edits were proposed to clarify language, processes and outcomes.

7. **Downtown Mall 50th Anniversary 2026** [10:40, 10 minutes]

- Update – L. Pola & D. Berry

Photographs from the event have been circulated and archived. The committee thanks L. Pola, H. Keller and all other HRC and Friends of Charlottesville members whose contributions made the event successful.

8. **Beloved Cville** [10:50, 5 minutes]

- Review virtual update provided by E. Shillue

9. **ACHS** [10:55, 5 minutes]

- ~~Review virtual update provided by O. Brown~~

10. **Rules of Procedure** [11:00, 10 minutes]

- Review HRC rules of procedure, revised August, 2017.

The Chair led the group through a review of the rules of procedure; additional guidance was sought regarding establishment of quorum and if that applies to only voting members.

11. **Liberty Bell Replica** [11:10, 10 minutes]

- Check-in from B. Bergen

Liberty Bell made the news

- <https://www.29news.com/2026/07/04/charlottesville-volunteer-fire-company-rings-replica-liberty-bell-july-fourth-celebration/>
- <https://wset.com/amazing-america/aa250-liberty-bell-replicas-in-lynchburg-and-charlottesville-highlight-freedoms-legacy-history-june-2026>

Research continues- subcommittee is still seeking ownership and clear chain of title. The Liberty Bell committee will reconvene before August HRC meeting to determine next steps.

11. **Neighborhood Walking Tours - BPAC** [11:20, 5 minutes]

- July - Lewis Mountain (B. Bergen)
- August – Fifeville
- September - Martha Jefferson & Little High (J. Rice)
- October - Barracks Rd/Rugby (L. Pola)
- December – Belmont (D. Berry)
- Please use this link to access all of the BPAC Community Walk flyers produced by HRC: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19-fbrKQMBNbx8aH8f6kjdyniP3oeyCcd?usp=sharing>

12. **ACHS-HRC Internship Collaboration** [11:25, 15 minutes]

- ~~Continued discussion: opportunity for join internship—online system for BPAC walking tour flyers~~ Tabled discussion; will resume when capacity allows.

13. **Staff Updates** [11:40, 20 minutes]

- ~~Court Square Banners~~
- FY27 budget update coming in August
- Chair's presentation to City Council – set for September.
- Workplan check-in; no staff action items at this time.
- Slate marker for light post at No. Nothing (Continued citizen request, see previous HRC deliberations.)
- City historic marker inventory and maintenance concerns
- Staff shared resources with Tom Seabrook – book: Built environment & memory in Charlottesville
- Announcement: D. Berry mentioned the [JSAAHC-led Public Parks Tour](#) and suggested that HRC collectively take the tour.

16. **Adjourn** [12:00 PM]