ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES for November 23rd, 2023, 401 McIntire Rd., Rm. 241

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Member Name	Present	Absent
Ross Stevens, Chair	X	
Carter Montague, Vice-Chair	X	
Craig Schoaf, Secretary	X	
Daniel Gidick		X
Craig Jacobs	X	
Nancy Takahashi	X	
Ann Mallek, BOS Liaison	X	
Karen Firehock, PC Liaison	X	
Staff Member Name		
Khris Taggart, Senior Planner	X	
Margaret Maliszewski, Planning Manager	X	
Jesse Brookins, Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	X	

- 1. Call to order: 4:31 pm.
- 2. Establish a Quorum
- 3. Approval of Minutes: None, Craig Schoaf will have them for the next meeting in January.
- 4. Discussion items:
 - a. AC44 Historic, Scenic, and Cultural Resources Draft Goals and Objectives
 - i. Phase 2 goals and objectives surrounding the HPC.
 - 4 goals with a few objectives each
 - ii. Ann asked about cemetery protection and if that would fall under these goals/objectives.
 - iii. 4 goals
 - 1st goal is about recognizing and identifying/raising awareness.
 - 2nd goal is about protection.
 - 3rd goal is about availability/access to the public.
 - 4th goal is about entrance corridors, county roads and the county's natural environment.
 - iv. Goal #1
 - Nancy proposed changing Objective 1.2 to include "and history" and removing certain items that would belong to action steps.
 - v. Goal #2
 - Discussion of the removal of the 2nd half of the goal. This portion discussed "considering the future trajectory of development in the community".
 - The committee believed that the language for Objective 2.1 should be stronger.
 - Objective 2.2 should have its two parts separated in order to clarify and strengthen each individual objective.
 - vi. Goal #3
 - Discussion about amending Objective 3.1 and moving it to Goal #1 since it discussed online and in-person access to resources and raising awareness about the benefits of preservation.
 - The committee believed that Objectives 3.2 and 3.3 were fine and no changes were needed at this time.

vii. Goal #4

- Objective 4.1 will reduce the number of signs on entrance corridors into the county.
- Objective 4.1 needs to be streamlined and to include language discussing landscaping, topography, and native plants as part of the entrance corridors.

5. Committee Updates

- a. Ross informed the committee that Mountain View was demolished. This home was in the Green Book.
 - i. There is no recourse for demolishing a historical property without a permit.

6. Announcements:

- a. Next Meeting is January 22, 2024, at 4:30 pm.
- 7. Adjournment of Committee Meeting: 6:03 pm.

Historic Preservation Committee – Work Groups (revised August 7, 2023)

Heritage Education

This work group was formed to pursue educational programs and financial incentives for historic preservation in the County.

- Nancy Takahashi
- Daniel Gidick
- Craig Schoaf

Real Estate

This work group receives email notices from county staff (who have received the emails from a member realtor) regarding properties 50 years old or older that have recently sold. Members review the emails and determine whether or not the new property owners should receive letters notifying them that their property is, or may be, historic.

- Ross Stevens
- Carter Montague
- Daniel Gidick

Demolition and Documentation

This work group was formed to address issues related to the demolition permit review process and potential demolition-related ordinance issues, and to coordinate committee efforts to document historic properties prior to demolition or at other times.

- Ross Stevens, Chair
- Carter Montague
- Craig Jacobs