

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES** for 4/26/21– Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

<b>Committee Member Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Betsy Baten	N
Craig Jacobs	N
Ed Lay	Y
Jared Loewenstein	Y
Carter Montague	N
Liz Russell	Y
Ross Stevens	Y
Nancy Takahashi	Y
Diane Brown Townes	Y
Peter Daniel	Y
Ann Mallek, BOS	Y
Jennie More, PC	N
Margaret Maliszewski	Y
Khris Taggart	Y

1. **Call to order**
2. **Establish a Quorum:** Jared Loewenstein called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 4:37pm.
3. **Welcome a New Member:** Peter Daniel was welcomed. Peter has an interest in art and architecture. He is from CT and been here 7 years.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from March 22. Ross Stevens presented a motion to approve. Ed Lay seconds, Motion passes unanimously with Jared Loewenstein abstaining.
5. **Discussion:** HPC website corrections/additions – Committee Members
  - a. Liz Russell suggests we could add Local Markers as a Project
    - i. Subcommittee to develop share proposed text / content.
    - ii. Potential to submit topic suggestion through HPC page.
  - b. Jared notes that Historic and Cultural Resources page lacks much information.
    - i. The “learn more about” Historic and Cultural Resources page should link back to the HP Committee Page.
  - c. Nancy notes that “Resources” link offers a lot of information.
    - i. But how would someone make use of this website if they were looking for more information that pertains to them.
    - ii. Could there be a FAQ?
    - iii. Could there be more information about the pictures?
      1. A before and after?
    - iv. Could we put more pictures on the sliding bar and build this out more with information? Make it more relevant to user.
      1. Nancy suggested a paragraph to tell homeowners and other interested people more about historic properties.
      2. How can the HPC help you?
    - v. Margaret - adding photos can be done, but committee assistance would be helpful in adding supplemental information.
      1. Can the group of images change every month? How many can we include?
    - vi. Ed / Liz - we could add the collages of “Lost Albemarle” perhaps these could replace the homepage scrolling images?
      1. Recommendation to add to Projects. Liz to share PDFs.
    - vii. Nancy - where does the information about demolished buildings go? Margaret - it is saved but how would it be displayed?
      1. archive of photos as a Committee Project in the future
    - viii. Liz suggested a feature that draws attention to our most recent Committee Projects/ what the committee is working on now
    - ix. Diane - tool for community input?
      1. Questionnaire similar to the one used for the County’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Margaret will look into what is possible.
    - x. Showcase a success story on the marquee/landing page.
6. **Work Group Updates**
  - a. Subcommittee Work
    - i. Presentation from Margaret
  - b. Heritage Education-Tourism
    - i. County Historic Markers – Update

1. **Discussed Crafting a Mission Statement** for a Local Marker Program with consideration to the original BOS directive to focus on historically marginalized people and communities.
2. With that, discussed operational and administrative items like budget and staffing requirements. We seemed to be comfortable Community Input and Engagement with the idea of 2 markers in the spring and 2 in the fall.
3. We discussed the Community Input and Engagement aspect including
  - a. How to engage public, encourage participation, and request idea
4. We also mentioned the possibility of linking or mapping markers to supplement what is admittedly limited information via a QR code, website, and or brochure
  - ii. Jared notes that part of Albe. Training school does still exist.
- c. Demolition and Documentation
  - i. Demo Report
    1. Tabor Street - Ross is working with family to try to move the building. Ann suggested talking to Molly?
  - ii. 6565 Esmont Road - was documented
- d. Real Estate Letters

## 7. Questions

- a. New owners of historic properties?
  - i. New owner of Longwood, Ann and Ross do not know who the new owner is.
- b. Threatened properties to watch?
  - i. Alberene Soapstone Quarry
    1. Letter from Peggy Denby, recommend protection or perhaps turning into a park.
      - a. Peggy is not sure who owns it, its currently being used for hunting.
      - b. Ed offers that students have done projects on several of the resources there.
      - c. Peggy discovered remnants of the former quarry operation. "If I had time, I would be working on it full time." Margaret will share email
      - d. Ann - it is the only designated mining district. It is news to her that it is not being used for mining.
- c. Recently demolished structures?
- d. Resources available to assist in implementation of HP plan?
  - i. new website could offer information

Questions from Peter - do we work with Virginia Landmarks Commission? No. Have we engaged local high schools around the markers? no, but it is a great idea (Diane)

8. **Announcement:** Next HPC Meeting: VIRTUAL May 24, 2021
9. **Adjournment** 5:52pm.

Consider the mission statements of the following entities:

- DHR

- County of Albemarle - How was the project originally proposed by the Board of Supervisors? For example, a Countywide historic marker program that would honor marginalized communities' contributions to the County?
- As discussed, also consider the mission statements of other marker programs
- Develop a mission statement that best defines the historic markers' project's purpose and intent.

While costs of historic markers were disclosed, we can also explore the availability of various technologies; their costs and how those technological options would further enhance the public's access to the markers.