

ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES for July 26, 2021 Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Member Name	Present	Absent
Betsy Baten	X	
Craig Jacobs	X	
Ed Lay	X	
Jared Loewenstein	X	
Carter Montague		X
Liz Russell	X	
Ross Stevens	X	
Nancy Takahashi	X	
Diane Brown Townes		X
Peter Daniel	X	
Pete Cypret	X	
Daniel Gidick	X	
Ann Mallek, BOS		X
Jennie More, PC		X
Margaret Maliszewski	X	
Khri Taggart	X	

Other Attendees
Sean Tubbs
Tom Chapman

1. Call to order

2. **Establish a Quorum:** Jared Loewenstein called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 4:33pm.

3. **Approval of Minutes** from June 2021; Motion to approve May minutes presented by Betsy, seconded by Ross. Vote passes 9-0 with Liz abstaining.

4. Discussion Items

- a. Website Suggestions - DIY Preservation – ‘how-tos’ or best practices for owners of historic homes
 - i. Liz asked if this would be a link to NPS Preservation Briefs or if it would be some of our own content. Jared suggested a combination of the two.
 - ii. As a new historic property owner, Daniel adds that it would be helpful to offer resources for owners, this could include being connected to an HPC member for assistance.
 - iii. Nancy suggested we offer case studies of other successful projects.
 1. Findowrie as an example.
 - iv. Margaret noted that the HP Manual online offers some case study examples.
 - v. Ross asked if we give out any preservation awards.
 1. Daniel asked if there are any model communities that offer guidance.
 - vi. Liz suggested making the PDF HP manual on the site text recognized and therefore more easily searchable.
 - vii. Ross suggested a spotlight section that could rotate monthly, for example.
 - viii. Pete asked what is the driver behind the website? How do we maximize engagement?
 - ix. **ACTION: Committee members to bring suggestions to the next meeting. Margaret will send a list of the items and we can think about prioritization.**
- b. Story maps of Albemarle County communities
 - i. The committee generally thinks it sounds like a good idea but it is not clear how to start the work. Subcommittee?
 - ii. Liz notes that PEC was involved.
 - iii. Liz shared concern over the subcommittee process but added that mapping seems like a logical complementary project to marker project.
 - iv. Regarding the Subcommittee Pilot Program - Margaret thinks it was a 6-month program. Waiting for an update for in-person meeting update from the County.

5. Work Group Updates

- a. Heritage Education-Tourism
 - i. County Historic Markers – Update
 1. River View Farm - Nancy updated that the process is moving forward with Ivy Creek Foundation. There is a proposed location that will go to DHR.
 - a. **ACTION: Margaret to check on what materials need to be provided to go to BOS for approval.**
 2. VL Murray Marker - Liz met with Pastor Kelvin Hawkins, call with Jody Lahendro
 - a. Are we ok with delaying marker installation?
 - i. Yes, Siri’s original goal was to have the 5 markers approved by the end of the year.
 3. No update on Glendower.
 4. Union Run application with DHR for September agenda.
- b. Demolition and Documentation
 - i. Demo Report - interior demo 3050 Ivy Rd.

6. Questions

- a. New owners of historic properties?
- b. Threatened properties to watch?
 - i. Jared brought the committee’s attention to 2660 Rio Mills Road - White Pine. Woodsie Hawkins was original owner. Prominent African American family post-Civil War. Jared is in touch with last owner; it was sold to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

- ii. Jared would like to have it documented.
 - 1. Ed asked how we would get permission to document?
 - 2. **ACTION: Jared to seek permission from Church. Looks like a winter project (Ross).**
- iii. We have historically documented structures on the demo list, but provided we get owner permission, there is no reason we could not document this or other properties.
 - 1. Ross asked if we should have a letter to send to threatened properties.
- c. Recently demolished structures?
- d. Resources available to assist in implementation of HP plan?
 - i. Margaret noted that with the update to digital submittal process, she is hopeful she can make photo submission a part of the demolition request.

7. Next HPC Meeting:

8. Adjournment of Full Committee Meeting at 5:34pm

9. Call to Order the Meeting of the HPC Historic Marker Subcommittee at 5:35pm

10. Discussion Item: Ongoing Historic Marker Work

- a. In attendance - Liz, Betsy, Nancy.
- b. Forsyth County in NC suggested as an example community.
- c. Committee discussed the **draft Marker Application Process for Community.**
- d. Additional items for consideration:
 - i. Other Considerations:
 - 1. Is 4 per year reasonable?
 - 2. Internal review and coordination is difficult because of FOIA constraints
 - a. Should text be fully developed by applicant?
 - 3. Consider coordination with Historical Society. More follow up needed.
 - 4. Besty notes DHR sstate application is very daunting; could be an option at the discretion of Committee
 - 5. Mapping and coordinating with website
 - 6. Additional opportunity for community input:
 - a. QR Code; more info on installed signs.
 - b. Consider a local interest article... could coincide with unveiling.
 - 7. **ACTION ITEMS - Continue to work on the proposed program draft and target fall to present to BOS. HPC should also support rehiring of Historic Preservation Planner position.**

11. Adjournment of the HPC Historic Marker Subcommittee at 6:10pm