

ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES for February 28th, 2022, Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Member Name	Present	Absent
Ross Stevens, <i>Chair</i>	X	
Liz Russell, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	X	
Pete Cypret, <i>Secretary</i>	X	
Betsy Baten	X	
Diane Brown Townes	X	
Peter Daniel		X
Daniel Gidick	X	
Craig Jacobs	X	
Ed Lay	X	
Carter Montague	X	
Nancy Takahashi	X	
Phylissa Mitchell	X	
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, <i>BOS Liaison</i>	X	
Jennie More, <i>PC Liaison</i>	X	
Margaret Maliszewski, <i>Planning Manager</i>	X	
Khrist Taggart, <i>Planner</i>	X	
Carolyn Shaffer, <i>Clerk</i>	X	

1. Call to order:
 - a. Chair Ross Stevens called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 4:33pm.
2. Committee welcomed new member Phylissa Mitchell.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 24th 2022:
 - a. Ross Stevens noted a needed correction to the prior meeting minutes, to change *Jones Homes* to *Jones Historic Stable at Ingleside Farm*.
 - b. Motion was made to approve amended minutes by Liz Russel, and was seconded by Diane Brown Townes.
 - c. Amended minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Staff Updates:
 - a. Margaret Maliszewski gave a presentation that included updates on:
 - i. White Gate Farm – Montclair:
 1. Outlined the request was to rezone 2 parcels,
 2. DHR survey shows that the property was not evaluated for listing in the national register,
 3. The property owner has offered to share photos, and has indicated the property is beyond repair,
 4. Khrist and a member of the committee will review the property.
 - b. Purvis Store:

- i. Margaret visited the store; the building continues to deteriorate, however the owners are evaluating how to potentially rebuild/remodel,
 - ii. Liz Russell inquired whether the visited was prompted by the owners applying for a demolition permit; Margaret responded the update was being provided after evaluating following severe winter weather.
 - iii. Ross Stevens advised he spoke with the owners who were seeking funds to move forward with renovation, prioritizing the trail head while they seek agreements on property easements for the trails. Owners have engaged a preservation architect,
 - iv. Supervisor Bea LaPisto-Kirtley inquired who owned the property, chair Ross Stevens and vice chair Liz Russell replied that the *Friends of Esmont* group were the owners.
 - v. Ed Lay commented that since it was a country store, so few of which are left, that it would be nice to get the measurements; Maliszewski. advised that the architect may have some documentation.
 - 1. ACTION: Margaret Maliszewski to share details from the architect who has agreed to provide.
 - c. Belvedere:
 - i. The property is on the monthly demolition report,
 - ii. Permission to document property was declined due to property condition, however owner agreed to provide property drawings.
 - d. Margaret Maliszewski advised that staff are working on a new procedure to document buildings which would involve Khris Taggart as planner and a committee member.
 - e. La Fourche 3555 Keswick road:
 - i. Has been nominated as a DHR national register for historic building with consideration by Board on March 17th; was constructed as a tavern which has been added to over the years
 - ii. Supervisor Bea LaPisto-Kirtley inquired whether there were any concerns with the nomination; Margaret Maliszewski advised there were no concerns, this was simply a notification from DHR to which the committee would typically respond advising alignment with committee goals.
 - f. Local Historic Markers Program update – markers program paused while the Comp Plan and HP Plan are updated for alignment.
 - i. Supervisor Bea LaPisto-Kirtley inquired regarding marker location and the difficulty viewing a marker (St. Johns)when there is no place to park a car for viewing
 - ii. Margaret Maliszewski agreed that considering the location very early in the process is important
 - iii. Vice chair Liz Russell agreed with the location and the need for the location to be detailed in the application process as well as advising the existing marker at St. Johns is a state marker and is separate from the county local marker program for Virginia Lee Murray which hasn't yet been installed (though it is in the same area).
 - iv. Ross Stevens, Liz Russel and Supervisor Bea LaPisto-Kirtley discussed linking markers with QR Codes either on the marker or the post.
 - v. Diane Browne Townes advised the signs are upgradeable and QR codes could be considered subsequent to installation.
5. Special Items:
- a. Comprehensive Plan Updates – Margaret Maliszewski covered the Comp Plan materials that had been shared with the committee and posed the question for the day: *what goals objectives strategies have been accomplished*
 - i. Ross Stevens suggested reviewing the top 10 list as a way to approach the question.
 - ii. Liz Russel asked about the definition of *significant historic resource* which may limit consideration of important Albemarle county buildings.

- f. Phylissa asked regarding preservation monitoring; Margaret advised there is no specific monitoring by staff, that if there are issues it is often reported by neighbors or other members of the public.
 - g. Diane Brown Towne asked what entity works with preservation Virginia to start an application process when you see a historic site or place of memory that is endangered, for instance by demolition?
 - h. Ross Stevens advised that the property owner can create restrictions in the Deed through covenants; Liz advised prohibitions exceed committee or staff authority.
6. Ross Stevens proposed giving Jared Lowenstein an award in lieu of a plaque.
- a. Betsy raised the possibility of establishing an annual award in his name
 - b. Margaret suggested including an annual award as part of the Plan updates and priorities
7. Questions
- a. New owners of historic properties?
 - i. None noted
 - b. Threatened properties to watch?
 - i. None noted
 - c. Recently demolished structures?
 - i. None noted
 - d. Resources available to assist in implementation of HP Plan?
 - i. None noted
8. Announcements:
- a. Next Meeting March 28th 2022 at 4:30pm, **VIRTUAL**.
9. Adjournment of Full Committee Meeting: 6:05pm.