

ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES for April 25th, 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 (Resigned from Committee)
Margaret Maliszewski, <i>Planning Manager</i>	X	
Khris 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 4:38 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 28th, 2022:
 - a. Nancy raised an amendment to the minutes of March 28th to restate 4.1a **from** *Nancy and Betsy discussed to Betsy discussed...*
 - b. Ross proposed for the approval of the amended minutes; Nancy seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Local Historic Marker
 - i. Margaret provided an update on the Union Run Baptist Church marker, noting that the Department of Historic Resources received an update in March from VDOT indicating the marker was approved, the County has received the invoice and the marker should be shipped around Memorial Day.
 - b. Demolition and Documentation:
 - i. The Committee reviewed the demolition report and discussed the 3 properties that were noted as non-historic: Oak Forest Circle, Magnolia Ridge Rd, and Canterbury Rd.
 - ii. Chair Ross Stevens noted that Magnolia had a barn and stables that had historical significance, and that the property had been owned by a prominent family in the horse industry including involvement in equestrian sports. Ross noted the farm group had been documented and asked for the home to be documented.
 - iii. **ACTION** – Khris took an action to see if the property could be viewed for documentation.
 - iv. Khris noted that another property, Pounding Creek Farm on Dick Woods Road, was showing as pending on the demolition report due to the application being incomplete.
 - v. Ross stated that it was a significant house. Khris shared that Ed had provided documentation of the house previously including exterior photos.

- vi. **ACTION** – Khris took an action to continue to track the status of the Pounding Creek Farm demolition application so the property could be further documented.

4. Discussion items:

a. Comprehensive Plan / Historic Preservation Plan Updates:

i. Discussion Questions:

- What opportunities exist for achieving the Historic Preservation goals/objectives/strategies?
 - Are there new/current/ongoing threats to the County’s historic resources?
1. Ross advised that a threat and opportunity is the review of demolition properties; vice-chair Liz Russell concurred and noted that the Historic Preservation Committee could act as an advisory on the historic value of the properties that apply for a demolition permit.
 2. Betsy raised the possibility of establishing an ordinance as an opportunity to protect historic resources within the County. Liz and Betsy then discussed the journey and support necessary for an ordinance would need to include outreach and advocacy.
 3. Liz raised a challenge that the Committee faces as a body made up of voluntary members is time constraints that limit productivity and the need for additional support from the County.
 4. Diane added the discussion of HP goals/objectives/strategies within the County should not just be a top-down approach. An opportunity that the Committee should explore is expanding the discussion of HP goals/topics beyond the members of the HP Committee and establishing connections to the community that engages them in the discussion.
 5. Nancy discussed how the County is very rich in history and beauty and that there is a large group of citizens that cares about historic preservation and that the challenge is to communicate to the community on how to help engage.
 6. Supervisor LaPisto-Kirtley discussed some perspectives from the Board of Supervisors related to the discussion including the busy and sometimes varied agenda the Board must accommodate and questioned the practicality of passing an ordinance. She then offered a potentially more direct committee action could be establishing a historic preservation foundation.
 7. Liz and Supervisor LaPisto-Kirtley discussed the role of the Historic Preservation Committee and the committee’s relationship.
 8. Margaret noted the conversation was a good segue to ordinance research.

b. Comprehensive Plan Research / Committee Member Assignments

- i. Margaret outlined prior HPC research on ordinances and detailed where updates and additional detail may be beneficial.
- ii. Committee members’ task is to research the types of projects and programs from other Historic Preservation Programs to answer questions such as what has been successful, and what could potentially be successfully replicated in Albemarle County.
- iii. **ACTION:** Margaret will circulate a list of questions to ensure responses can be more easily assessed.
- iv. **ACTION:** Ross, Liz, Betsy, Nancy, Diane, and Pete will conduct the research.

5. Other Business

- a. Ross noted that Jennie Moore was resigning from the planning commission and that the HPC needed a replacement and inquired how the position would be filled.
 - i. **ACTION:** Margaret to follow up on steps to replace Jennie.
- b. Nancy and Ross provided an update on the conversation that they had with the Albemarle County Police Foundation and their mission which includes:
 - i. Fundraising
 - ii. Awards & Banquet
 - iii. Scholarships
 - iv. Training
 - v. Other programs to make possible better community engagement
 - vi. Supplemental gifts and support such as the K9 unit

- c. Both Nancy and Ross noted that a key takeaway from the conversation was that any potential Foundation should rationalize its relationship and mission with other local historic preservation organizations to collaborate effectively and efficiently.
 - d. Margaret and Ross met with Jared Lowenstein who presented him with a small gift as thanks for his tenure and many contributions to historic preservation.
 - e. New owners of historic properties?
 - i. None noted
 - f. Threatened properties to watch?
 - i. None noted
 - g. Recently demolished structures?
 - i. None noted
 - h. Resources available to assist in the implementation of the HP Plan?
 - i. None noted
 - i. Ross requested that committee members give advance notice of absence; Margaret further asked if committee members are planning on joining late that they e-mail Margaret and Khris to advise they will be joining late so the meeting isn't canceled for lack of a quorum.
6. Announcements:
- a. Next Meeting May 23rd. 2022, at 4:30 pm, **VIRTUAL**.
7. Adjournment of Full Committee Meeting: 5:49 pm.