



County of Albemarle  
Community Development Department

Historic Preservation Committee  
Minutes for March 22, 2021  
Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Member Name	Present
Betsy Baten	Y
Craig Jacobs	Y
Ed Lay	Y
Jared Loewenstein	N
Carter Montague	Y
Liz Russell	Y
Ross Stevens	Y
Nancy Takahashi	Y
Diane Brown Townes	Y
<b>Board of Supervisor/Planning Commission Liaisons</b>	<b>Present</b>
Ann Mallek, BOS	N
Jennie More, PC	N
<b>Albemarle County Staff</b>	<b>Present</b>
Margaret Maliszewski	Y
Khris Taggart	Y

1. **Call to order**
2. **Establish a Quorum:** Ross Stevens called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 4:36pm.
3. **Approval of Minutes** from February 22. Nancy Takahashi presented motion, seconded by Craig Jacobs. Motion passes unanimously.
4. **Presentation:** Albemarle County Historic Marker Project 2021  
Diane Brown Townes, Historic Preservation Committee Member
  - Goals – honor the history of marginalized communities and educate the public.
  - Sources for research – research professor Lynn Rainville, author of Hidden Histories: African American Cemeteries in Central Virginia; Regina Rush, UVA Special Collection Librarian; Miranda Burnett, Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society Librarian
  - Additional Topics for consideration:
    - Advance Mills Colored School
    - Willis McGlascoe Carter, Greenwood Community
    - Lincoln Cemetery
    - Wayside Markers along River Corridor honoring history of Monacan Indians
    - Mount Calvary Baptist Church - original sections of steeple intact
  - Community Nominated Ideas:
    - Ellen Adams / Oak Union Baptist Church
    - Drewary Brown, Ivy/Oak Union Community, founder of Monticello Area Community Action Agency
    - Benjamin Franklin Yancey, founder Esmont Colored School, gravesite location – New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery
    - Yancey Community/Esmont – Wayside Marker placed along the Simpson trail would bring attention to James E. Simpson, entrepreneur and landowner, descendants are actively involved in planning the

Simpson Park Community Revitalization Project, grave site located at New Green Mountain Baptist Church

- Blenheim informally known as Monroetown as a result of multiple generations of Monroes and descendants residing in the community. Middle Oak Baptist Church center of religious and social activities for Blenheim. Descendants of Ned Monroe are partnering with William and Mary, the James Monroe Highland Museum and various historical organizations to tell story of Blenheim and its African American families.

**Long Term Local Marker Program  
Planning Objectives/Goals**

- **Community Remembrance Programs**
- **Explore Resourceful Marker & Other Publications**
- **Educate, Support & Offer Public Guidance**
- **Apply Contextual Meaning to Markers' Text**
- **Continue to Collaborate, Listen, Update, & Verify**

- - Building Trust is important

## 5. **Work Group Updates**

### a. Update on Subcommittee Work

- i. Pilot program to
  - 1. Post 3 business days before meeting
  - 2. Let staff know; get a link. Has to be recorded and minutes taken.
    - a. April 19 standing meeting
  - 3. Standing meeting would make it easier... Nancy suggests every Monday prior to HPC meeting.
- ii. Local marker installed at Albemarle Training School; nice looking, green with gold text but it is not large so siting is important unless there is latitude to change the design of local markers moving forward
- iii. Budget coming from OEI
- iv. Subcommittee Member List:

## HPC SUBCOMMITTEES MARCH 2021

### Heritage Education-Markers

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

- Liz Russell
- Diane Brown Townes
- Nancy
- Betsy Baten

### 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.

- Jared Loewenstein
- Ross Stevens
- Carter Montague

### Demolition and Documentation

This new 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
- Ed Lay
- Carter Montague
- Craig Jacobs

#### b. Heritage Education-Tourism

- i. County Historic Markers – Update

#### c. Demolition and Documentation

- i. 6565 Esmont Road is being reviewed tomorrow; 100-acre parcel.
- ii. Ross mentioned a house at 5780 Tabor Street (c.a. 1900) slated for demo, likely. Ross encouraged - at length - that the owner seek a demo permit. Craig says that some materials are being salvaged. Church member took the windows.
  1. Margaret will let Building Official know
- iii. Ross let us know about a house on Cismont Lane (old log house) that has been moved. His relative is interested in seeing if anything is salvageable.
- iv. Margaret let us know that Piedmont Farm is for sale. Viewmont has been razed but the primary residence is new.
- v. Friends of Esmont, Purvis Store
  1. Ross suggested tax credits; anyone know of someone who wants to be involved?
- vi. Demo Report

#### d. Real Estate Letters

- i. Real estate letter process has been streamlined and letters are now up to date. New Administrative assistant is now working on these.

#### e. Ordinance Research

### 6. Questions

- a. New owners of historic properties?
- b. Threatened properties to watch?
- c. Recently demolished structures?
- d. Resources available to assist in implementation of HP plan?
- e. New update - website has been updated and pictures and links are back up
  - i. **ACTION – Ross suggested that HPC members review and be ready to provide comments on the website next month.**
  - ii. **ACTION – Local Markers Committee will develop text and ideas for a Committee Project Page.**

### 7. Adjournment 5:48pm.

