

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Design Review Committee Minutes
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C.
May 30, 2018
Time: 8:01 a.m. – 9:11 a.m.**

Present:

**Mr. Joe Elliott, Design Review Committee Chair
Mr. Garrett Nelson
Mr. Len Norman, HLC Chair (ex officio member)
Mr. Stefan Pienkny
Mr. Kenneth Pursley
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Senior Preservation Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Stuart, HLC Administrative Assistant**

Absent:

**Mr. Matthew Benson
Ms. Jennifer Coots
Mr. David Gieser
Ms. Laura Hoover
Mr. Victor Jones
Ms. Catherine Weide**

Visitors:

Brian North, McConnell House

The Committee Chair noted that a quorum was not present. Consequently, motions cannot be passed. The Committee instead will have to approve or disapprove items by consensus.

1. Chair's Report: Joe Elliott

Mr. Elliott welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for their service on the Committee.

2. Consulting Director's Report: Dan Morrill

Dr. Morrill explained that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition for the Excelsior Club would be considered at the June meeting of the Historic Landmarks Commission.

3. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray did not have a report.

4. COA Application for the William and Laura McConnell House, 4009 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, N.C.

Staff stated that the applicant proposes to demolish the house. Staff explained that State Enabling Legislation does not allow the Commission to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition. It can only delay its effective date for up to 365 days from the date of issuance.

Staff recommended that the Committee recommend to the Historic Landmarks Commission that it delay the effective date of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition for 365 days from the date of issuance. Staff stated that Preservation North Carolina is working with the owner to determine if a preservation solution is feasible.

Brian North, a representative of the property owner, spoke of the owner's willingness to explore options that would allow the house to be preserved. Mr. North also answered questions from Committee members.

The Committee reached a consensus to recommend to the Historic Landmarks Commission that it delay the effective date of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition of the McConnell House, 4009 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, N.C., for 365 days from the date of issuance.

5. Discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

Dr. Morrill and Mr. Gray presented a video as a supplement to the discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Committee members asked questions and thanked Staff for its work on the video.

Garrett Nelson left the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

The Committee adjourned at 9:11 a.m.