

Charlotte-Mecklenburg

## **HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

January 12, 2009

Location: 2100 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, N. C.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### **Present:**

Mr. Richard Alsop, III/Mayor, HLC Chair

Mr. Louis Asbury, IV/County

Mr. Matthew Benson/Mayor, Design Review Com. Chair

Mr. Frank Bragg/City

Mr. William T. Hobbs/County

Ms. Yolanda Johnson/City, Finance Committee Chair

Ms. Yolanda Law/County, HLC Vice-Chair

Dr. Richard Mattson/County, Survey Com. Chair

Mr. Gray Newman/County, Projects Committee Chair

Mr. Len Norman/County, Immediate Past HLC Chair

Ms. Laura C. Smith/City, HLC Treasurer

Dr. Lynn Weis/City, HLC Secretary

Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director

Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Preservation Planner

Ms. Patricia Nystrom, HLC Attorney

Mr. Bryan Turner, HLC Projects Manager

Ms. Mary Lynn Morrill, HLC Recording Consultant

Ms. Mary Dominick, HLC Consultant

**Absent:**

None

**Visitors:**

Ms. Lexie Longstreet, Realtor

Ms. Diane Althouse, Historic Charlotte, Inc.

Mr. Edward McQuay, McQuay House

**AGENDA**

**Item #1 - Approval of Minutes**

MS. SMITH PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY DR. WEIS THAT THE HLC MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2008, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

MR. BRAGG PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NEWMAN THAT THE HLC EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2008, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

**Item #2 - Chairman's Report:** Richard Alsop, III

Mr. Alsop welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded the Commissioners that the attendance report is at each seat. He said that attendance began again on January 1, 2009.

**Item #3 - Director's Report:** Dan Morrill

Dr. Morrill stated that the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority has submitted a letter to the HLC stating that it is taking a "neutral stance" with respect to historic designation of the exterior of the Charlotte Coliseum, C. 1955, as a historic landmark. He said that HLC staff is working to bring the recommended designation before the City Council. The HLC has voted to recommend

designation of the entire building. The CRVA would actively oppose that recommendation. Dr. Morrill said that he recommends that the HLC modify its recommendations to include designation of the exterior of the building and the grounds. The current name of the structure as of 2008, is Bojangles Coliseum. The owner is the City of Charlotte and the operator is the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority. The seating capacity is 9,605.

MR. BENSON PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. SMITH THAT THE HLC RECOMMEND THAT THE CHARLOTTE COLISEUM, 2700 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, CHARLOTTE, N. C., (EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING & AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF LAND TO ASSURE THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE FEATURES AND VISTAS) BE PROCESSED FOR LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION.

THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

Dr. Morrill reported that HLC Staff continues to work to locate a tenant for White Oak Plantation, 7729 Hood Rd., Charlotte, N. C. He said that assistance from Commissioners would be appreciated.

Dr. Morrill said HLC Staff has developed several education videos since the last meeting, including one that explains the Design Review Process and another that describes the Accomplishments of the Revolving Fund. The videos can be seen on the HLC's website - [www.cmhpf.org](http://www.cmhpf.org).

Dr. Morrill reported that HLC Staff continues to work on securing the Torrence Lytle School, 302 Holbrooks Rd., Huntersville, N. C.

Dr. Morrill said that the County Budget Department will meet with HLC Staff later in the month to develop an operational budget for FY 2009-10. HLC Commissioners will be kept informed about developments.

Dr. Morrill reported that residents of Matthews asked HLC Staff to visit the Moore House on Moore Rd. just off Independence Blvd. The Town of Matthews is attempting to develop a preservation plan for the structure, which most likely will have to be moved.

Dr. Morrill reported that the HLC is the Certified Local Government for the Town of Davidson. Accordingly, the HLC will be holding a public hearing at its February meeting to consider the eligibility of a proposed historic district for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Dr. Morrill said that the Town of Davidson has asked HLC Staff to comment on proposed renovations to the Davidson Elementary School, even though the building is not yet designated. Mr. Gray will be consulting with Mr. Benson regarding the matter.

**Item #4 - Design Review Committee Report:** Matt Benson

Mr. Benson said that the Design Review Committee met December 16, 2009. He said that the Garinger High School, 1100 Eastway Drive, application will not be reviewed tonight as planned. The school system has asked that the application be considered next month. Mr. Benson said that the next Design Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, at 8:00 a.m. at the HLC office. Minutes from meetings can be found on the HLC's website - [www.cmhpf.org](http://www.cmhpf.org).

**Item #5 - Survey Committee Report:** Richard Mattson

a. Public Hearing to consider Recommending the Carolina Rim and Wheel Building, 306 North Graham St., Charlotte, N. C., for designation a local historic landmark.

DR. WEIS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NORMAN THAT THE HLC OPEN A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LOCAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR THE CAROLINA RIM AND WHEEL BUILDING, 306 NORTH GRAHAM STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

DR. WEIS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. SMITH THAT THE HLC AFFIRM ITS ORIGINAL MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CAROLINA RIM AND WHEEL BUILDING , 306 NORTH GRAHAM STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C., BE DESIGNATED AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

MS. SMITH PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LAW THAT THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

**Item #6 - Projects Committee Report:** Gray Newman

Dr. Morrill introduced Mr. McQuay, owner of the McQuay House, to the HLC. Mr. McQuay graciously complimented the HLC for its good work in the community.

MS. SMITH PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NORMAN THAT THE HLC CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

DR. WEIS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NORMAN THAT THE HLC RE-CONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

Note: In Executive Session the HLC voted that 1) HLC Staff negotiate a firm price for the Sandifer House, 12601 Moore's Chapel Rd., Charlotte, N. C. for presentation to the HLC 2) Accept the offer of the donation of the McQuay House, 3200 Tuckaseegee Rd., Charlotte, N. C. and pay for the adjoining lots owned by Mr. McQuay and 3) approve the contingency contract and repair funds for the house located at 1708 Park Rd.

**Item #7 - Treasurer's Report:** Laurie Smith

A copy of the current financial report was distributed.

**Item #8 - Old Business.**

It was asked if the HLC is involved in the Hall House, the old Baringer Hotel, located in the 400 block of N. Tryon St. Dr. Morrill replied that the building is not under the jurisdiction of the HLC as it is not a designated historic landmark.

**Item #9 - New Business.**

No new business was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.