

Charlotte-Mecklenburg

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

August 9, 2010

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

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Mr. David Erdman/Mayor (1st Meeting)

Mr. William Hobbs/ County, HLC Chair

Ms. Paula Lester/County

Dr. Richard Mattson/County

Mr. Gray Newman/County

Mr. Michael Roger/City

Ms. Keysha Walker/City

Dr. Lynn Weis/City (phone)

Dr. Dan L. Morrill

Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Preservation Planner

Mr. Bryan Turner, HLC Projects Manager

Ms. Patricia Nystrom, HLC Attorney

Ms. Mary Lynn Morrill, HLC Recording Consultant

Ms. Mary Dominick, HLC Consultant

Ms. Donna Ward, UNCC Intern

Absent:

Mr. Louis Asbury/County

Mr. Frank Bragg/City

Ms. Yolanda D. Law/County

Visitors:

Mr. Andy Allen

Mr. John Shurley

Ms. J. Belk, Hamilton-Jones House

Mr. Fred Alexander, Silver Set Lodge #327

Mr. Jerry Hollis, Silver Set Lodge #327

Mr. Charles Grier, Silver Set Lodge #327

Ms. Zuamy Lee Vanegas Rivera, Progreso Hispanic News

AGENDA

Item #1 – Approval of Minutes

DR. MATTSON PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. ROGERS THAT THE HLC MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2010, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MOTION WITH MR. ERDMAN ABSTAINING IN THE VOTE.

MR. ROGERS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LESTER THAT THE HLC EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2010, BE APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE MOTION WITH MR. ERDMAN ABSTAINING IN THE VOTE.

Item #2 – Chairman’s Report: Mr. Hobbs

Mr. Hobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended a special welcome to Mr. David Erdman as a new member of the HLC. Mr. Erdman was appointed by the Mayor. Ms. Jill Walker has also been appointed to serve on the HLC. Mr. Hobbs thanked Mr. Matthew Benson and Mr. John Shurley for

their HLC service. Mr. Shurley and Mr. Benson will continue to serve on the Design Review Committee.

Item #3 – Director’s Report: Dr. Morrill

Dr. Morrill presented a preview of the HLC’s current work. The report can be found on the HLC’s website – www.cmhpf.org, under the HLC’s "About the Commission" tab (Preview.)

Johnson C. Smith University has asked City Council to postpone any move to force the demolition of the Dr. George E. Davis House, 301 Campus St., Charlotte, N. C., so the University can have more time to attempt to raise the money to stabilize/restore this important historic landmark.

Several proposals have been received from qualified consultants to perform the Pineville Survey Grant. Staff will confer with the Chairman in making the selection of the consultant who will perform the work. Contracts will be signed, and the consultant will begin work in September. The Town of Pineville has signed the necessary papers to assure its providing the local match for the grant. Pineville is providing \$12,000, and the State will provide \$10,000.

City Council voted unanimously on June 21, 2010, to designate the Thrift Piedmont and Northern Depot and the W.P.A. Hangar at Douglas International Airport as local historic landmarks.

Former Charlotte Fire Station No. 2 is being rehabilitated under a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the HLC.

The Grier-Rea House upgrades have been completed. Landscaping has been postponed until the arrival of cooler weather.

HLC Staff should receive final cost estimates for the rehabilitation and stabilization of the Torrence-Lytle School very soon.

Marketing of the Rozzel House, the McAuley House, and 316 E. Main St. and 330 E. Main St. in Pineville continues.

Conceptual plans for the development of White Oak Plantation have been completed. The Projects Committee will review various options at its meeting scheduled for September 1, 2010.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the FY’11 Budget on June 15th. The HLC’s budget will come from a combination of Revolving Fund monies

and demolition permit fees. Compensation for HLC staff will remain the same as last year.

The Housing and Economic Development Committee of City Council has decided to work directly with prospective buyers and developers of the Johnston Mill and the Mecklenburg Mill. The HLC's only involvement will be the exercise of design review over proposed material alterations to the buildings.

The HLC has terminated its contract to purchase the Younts House in Pineville, N. C. The owner of the Pineville Savings and Loan Building has expressed a renewed interest in selling the building. Negotiations are underway.

Item #4 – Design Review Committee Report

Consideration of Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

A. **Hamilton C. Jones House**, 201 Cherokee Road, Charlotte, N. C.

The Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness includes plans for a circular driveway (conceptually approved by the HLC June 14, 2010), a fence and a trash enclosure. Mr. Gray presented the proposed plans. Mr. Shurley, former Design Review Chair, was present in support, as was the owner of the property. The Commissioners discussed the Application.

MR. NEWMAN PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. ERDMAN THAT THE HLC APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS AS SUBMITTED FOR THE HAMILTON C. JONES HOUSE, 201 CHEROKEE ROAD, CHARLOTTE, N.C. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

B. **McAuley Road Farmland**, 15832 McAuley Road, Huntersville, N. C.

The applicant proposes to build a 36' X 72' barn to be set approximately 400 feet to the east of the McAuley Road. A HardiPlank-type siding painted dark brown and a metal roof would be used for the structure. Mr. Gray presented the proposed plans. The Commissioners discussed the Application.

MS. WALKER PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY DR. MATTSON THAT THE HLC APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, AS SUBMITTED, FOR THE

McAULEY ROAD FARMLAND, 15832 McAULEY ROAD,
HUNTERSVILLE, N. C. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY
APPROVED THE MOTION.

Item #5 – Survey Committee Report

The Survey Committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday, September 21, 2010,
at 8:00 a.m.

Item #6 – Projects Committee Report

The Projects Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 1,
2010, at 10:00 a.m.

Item #7 – Treasurer’s Report: Keysha Walker

Ms. Walker distributed and reviewed the monthly financial report.

Item #8 – Old Business

No old business was presented.

Item #9 - New Business

Silverset Lodge members were present to update the HLC on the status of the Newell Rosenwald School. The members expressed concern about the condition of the structure, most especially the roof. At least \$14,000 is needed for repairs. In order for the HLC to provide financial support for historic structures, the HLC must own the property. The HLC’s Revolving Fund can restore and repair properties it owns, but it cannot lend money for repairs to owners of historic landmarks. It was agreed that this issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Projects Committee.

Mr. Erdman asked about the legal status of American Legion Memorial Stadium. Dr. Morrill stated that the property is a local historic landmark.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.