Ordinance No. 1702-X

Ordinance designating as a Historic Landmark a property known as the "Neely Slave Cemetery" (listed under Tax Parcel Number 203-202-01 as of August 22, 2000 and including a portion of the property listed under Tax Parcel Number 203-202-01 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina). The property is owned by LBP South Point, Incorporated and is located at South Ridge Drive in South Point Business Park in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 18th day of December, 2000, on the question of designating a property known as the Neely Slave Cemetery as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Neely Slave Cemetery is one of the few known slave cemeteries in Mecklenburg County, and one of the few remaining vestiges of slavery in the county; and

WHEREAS, the Neely Slave Cemetery possesses individual significance as a tangible reminder of many large farmers' dependence on slave labor from the mid-1700s to 1864; although a minority in an area of small, self-sufficient farms; and

WHEREAS, the Neely Slave Cemetery is a reflection of the traditions of the Afro-American slave population. Death rituals and burial practices formed an important part of these traditions, and death itself carried great significance among slaves throughout the South; and
WHEREAS, the Neely Slave Cemetery is a representative example of slave cemeteries in the area – the periwinkle that covers the site, the use of found rocks to mark the graves, and the arrangement of the graves are all common features of slave cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the Neely Slave Cemetery possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property known as the Neely Slave Cemetery is LBP South Point Inc., Blaustein Boulevard #1400, One North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the members of the City Council of Charlotte, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the “Neely Slave Cemetery” (including a portion of the property listed under Tax Parcel Number 203-202-01 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office, Charlotte, North Carolina, as of August 22, 2000) is hereby designated as a historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated on South Ridge Road in South Point Business Park in the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Site features are more completely described in the Survey and Research Report on the Neely Slave Cemetery (April 1, 2000).

2. That, for purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated on a tract of land more specifically described as follows:
Graveyard Tract
Beginning at a point on the common line between Tract “H-2” and Lot 1, said point being located S00°42’02”E 268.88’ from an existing rebar pin said rebar pin is also the north west corner of Lot 1 as shown on map 32 page 911 as recorded in the Mecklenburg County registry. Running thence from said point and place of Beginning with the common line between Tract “H-2” and Lot 1 S00°42’02”E 155.00’, to a point; thence S89°17’58”W 233.50’, to a point; thence N00°42’02”W 65.00’, to a point, said point reference point “A”; thence N00°42’02”W 90.00’ to a point; thence N89°17’58”E 233.50’, to a point on the common line between Tract “H-2” and Lot 1 marking the point and place of Beginning containing 0.83 acres more or less.

50’ Site Easement
Beginning at a point on the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive said right-of-way being located 30’ from the centerline of the road said point being located S00°13’28”W 291.83’ from an existing rebar pin said rebar pin is also the south west corner of Tract “H-4” as shown on map 32 page 911 as recorded in the Mecklenburg County registry. Running thence from said point and place of Beginning leaving the right-of-way of South Ridge Drive and running S89°46’32”E 200.08’, to a point on the western line of the Graveyard tract, thence with the western line of the Graveyard tract S00°42’02”E 25.00’, to a point, said point reference point “A”; thence continuing with the western line of the Graveyard tract S00°42’02”E 25.00”, to a point; thence leaving the western line of the Graveyard tract and running N89°46’32”W 200.89’, to a point on the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive; thence with the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive N00°13’28”E 25.00’, to a point, said point reference point “B”; thence continuing with the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive N00°13’28”E 25.00’, to a point marking the point and place of Beginning containing 0.23 acres more or less.

5’ Access Easement
Beginning at a point on the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive said right-of-way being located 30’ from the centerline of the road said point being located S00°13’28”W 311.83’ from an existing rebar pin said rebar pin is also the south west corner of Tract “H-4” as shown on map 32 page 911 as recorded in the Mecklenburg County registry. Running thence from said point and place of Beginning leaving the right-of-way of South Ridge Drive and running S89°46’32”E 200.41’, to a point on the western line of the Graveyard tract; thence with the western line of the Graveyard tract N00°42’02”W 5.00’, to a point, said point reference point “A”; thence leaving the western line of the Graveyard tract and running N89°46’32”W 200.48’, to a point on the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive, said point reference point “B”, thence with the eastern right-of-way of South
Ridge Drive S00°13'28"W 5.00', to a point on the eastern right-of-way of South Ridge Drive marking the point and place of Beginning containing 0.02 acres more or less.

3. That said designated historic landmark may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said landmark may not be denied, except if such landmark is judged to be of State-wide significance by duly authorized officials of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. However, the effective date of such Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, and amendments thereto, and herein adopted.

4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as a historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said historic landmark.

5. That the owners and occupants of the historic landmark known as the Neely Slave Cemetery be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the City Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as a historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.
Adopted the 18th day of December, 2000, by the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

[Signature]
Clerk to City Council
Brenda R. Freeze, CMC
Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda R. Freeze, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in regular session convened on the 18th day of December, 2000, the reference having been made in Minute Book 115, and recorded in full in Ordinance Book 50, Page(s) 724-728.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, this the 19th day of December, 2000.

[Signature]
Brenda R. Freeze, CMC, City Clerk