

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Survey Committee Minutes  
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N. C.  
May 25, 2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Mr. Nathan Clark, Vice Chair  
Dr. Thomas Hanchett  
Ms. Penny Higdon  
Dr. Richard Mattson  
Mr. Jonathan Schulz  
Dr. Lynn Weis  
Mr. Len Norman, HLC Chair  
Mr. Jeff Parsons  
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director  
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Preservation Planner  
Ms. Elizabeth Stuart, HLC Administrative Assistant**

**Absent:**

**Mr. Louis Asbury, IV  
Mr. Larken Egleston, Chair  
Mr. Stefan Pienkny  
Mr. Michael Rogers**

**Visitors:**

**Mr. Stephen F. Overcash  
Ms. Caren Wingate**

**1. Chair's Report: Nathan Clark, Vice Chair**

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

**2. Consulting Director's Report: Dan Morrill**

**Dr. Morrill reviewed the purpose of the Survey Committee, which is to recommend the placement of properties on the Study List of Prospective Historic Landmarks and to recommend the preparation of Survey and Research Reports on Prospective Historic Landmarks. Dr. Morrill stated that State Statute requires that a historic landmark possess cultural or historical special significance.**

**3. Oakhurst Log Houses. 2107 Mandarin Street, Charlotte, N.C. 4115 Hiddenbrook Street, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Mr. Gray stated that the owners of the subject properties have been notified of the Commission's interest in considering their properties for historic landmark designation. The owners were also asked to state their positions about the prospect of such designation. No response has been received.**

**4. Belmont Neighborhood.**

**Mr. Gray stated that the owners of five properties in the Belmont neighborhood have been contacted to determine their attitude regarding historic landmark designation of their properties. The properties are located in Charlotte, N.C. at the following addresses: 1720 Pegram Street, 1113 Pegram Street, 913 Seigle Avenue, 1035 Seigle Avenue, and the Red Front Department Store at 1125 Belmont Avenue. The owner of the Red Front Department Store stated that he supports historic landmark designation. Staff prepared a Survey and Research Report on the Red Front Department Store; and the Historic Landmarks Commission is processing the Red Front Department Store for historic landmark designation, subject to approval by the Charlotte City Council.**

**5. Reginald Hawkins House. 1703 Madison Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Dr. Thomas Hanchett explained the historic significance of the property, which was the home of Dr. Reginald Hawkins, who was a major figure in the Civil Rights movement in Mecklenburg County and in North Carolina. Dr. Morrill stated that he believes that the property has special significance because of its associative history.**

**MR. NORMAN PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARSONS THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT RECOMMEND TO THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL, ONCE AN ACCEPTABLE SURVEY AND RESEARCH REPORT IS COMPLETED, THE DESIGNATION OF THE REGINALD HAWKINS HOUSE (INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE, EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE, AND THE ENTIRE TAX PARCEL) AT 1703 MADISON AVENUE, CHARLOTTE N.C., AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**6. Carolina Rim and Wheel Building. 306 North Graham Street, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Mr. Gray reported that a Survey and Research Report on the subject property was prepared several years in the past. He stated that because the Carolina Rim and Wheel Building has been altered in recent years, Staff would visit the building to determine if the building still possesses adequate physical integrity.**

**7. Sugaw Creek Church Cemeteries. 101 West Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Mr. Gray reported that members of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church have not yet completed an updated Survey and Research Report on the property. Any action by the Commission will await completion of the Survey and Research Report.**

**8. Cornelius Historic Properties. 19528 Meridian Street, Cornelius, N.C. 19721 South Ferry Street, Cornelius, N.C.**

**Mr. Gray stated that the Cornelius Historic Preservation Committee is requesting that the subject properties be placed on the Study List of Prospective Historic Landmarks. Mr. Gray reported that Staff supports the request.**

**MR. CLARK PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. HIGDON THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT PLACE THE PROPERTIES AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES ON THE STUDY LIST OF PROSPECTIVE HISTORIC LANDMARKS: 19528 MERIDIAN STREET, CORNELIUS, N.C.; 19721 SOUTH FERRY STREET, CORNELIUS, N.C. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**9. Charlotte Fire Department Historic Equipment.**

**Dr. Morrill reported that the Charlotte Fire Department is requesting that three pieces of historic fire fighting equipment be considered for historic landmark designation. Dr. Morrill stated that the equipment included a hand-powered pumper, a steam pumper, and a 1920s fire engine. Dr. Morrill explained that, statutorily, personal property can be designated as historic landmarks. Staff recommends that the Historic Landmarks Commission fund a Survey and Research Report on the subject properties for presentation to the Survey Committee at its next meeting.**

**MR. PARSONS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NORMAN THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT FUND A SURVEY AND RESEARCH REPORT ON THREE PIECES OF HISTORIC FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE CHARLOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING AN 1866 HAND PUMPER, A 1902 STEAM PUMPER, AND A 1920S FIRE ENGINE. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**10. Gold District Historic Buildings. 317 West Summit Avenue, 308 Palmer Street, and 217, 301, and 305 Dunbar Street, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Mr. Gray stated that he and Mr. Parsons had recently toured the area immediately south of Center City Charlotte, known as the Gold District. The purpose of this tour was to identify properties for placement on the Study List of Prospective Historic Landmarks. Stephen F. Overcash and Caren Wingate, advocates for the Gold District, distributed a packet of information explaining the historic significance of properties in the Gold District. They requested that the Wilmore School Building be added to the list of possible landmarks in the Gold District. Mr. Parsons expressed his support for the inclusion of the Wilmore School.**

**MR. NORMAN PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARSONS THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT PLACE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES ON THE STUDY**

**LIST OF PROSPECTIVE HISTORIC LANDMARKS: RUDISILL MINE AT 317 WEST SUMMIT AVENUE, ELECTRICAL APPARATUS BUILDING AT 308 WEST PALMER STREET, THE WILMORE SCHOOL ON WEST BOULEVARD, AND THE HOUSES AT 217, 301, AND 305 DUNBAR STREET, ALL IN CHARLOTTE, N.C. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**11. Green Book Survey.**

**Mr. Gray stated that from 1936 until 1966 a series of roadway guides for African American travelers was published yearly under the title "Green Book." Staff believes that a reconnaissance survey of properties (extant and extinct) in Mecklenburg County listed in the yearly "Green Book" is warranted.**

**DR. WEIS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. CLARK THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT ALLOCATE UP TO \$1000 TO CONDUCT A RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY OF THE PROPERTIES (EXTANT AND EXTINCT) IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY LISTED IN THE "GREEN BOOK." THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**9. Old Business.**

**There was no old business.**

**10. New Business.**

**There was no new business.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**