

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Executive Committee Minutes  
2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C.  
June 28, 2019  
7:30 a.m. – 8:36 a.m.**

**Present:**

**Ms. Diane Althouse, HLC Treasurer  
Mr. Nathan Clark, HLC Vice Chair  
Mr. William Hughes, HLC Secretary  
Mr. Len Norman, Survey Committee Chair  
Mr. Jeffrey Parsons, HLC Chair  
Mr. Edwin Wilson, Projects Committee Chair  
Mr. Sandy Carnegie, HLC Attorney (by telephone)  
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director  
Ms. Elizabeth Stuart, HLC Administrative Assistant**

**Absent:**

**None**

**Visitors:**

**None**

**1. Chair's Report: Jeff Parsons**

**Mr. Parsons welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

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

**Dr. Morrill reported that he has confirmed that any joint venture the Historic Landmarks Commission might enter into is still governed by the statutory requirements associated with the expenditure of public money even if a partner or partners spend private money. Dr. Morrill stated that in his judgment, this underscores the wisdom of focusing the HLC's attention on securing easements and options to purchase in the future.**

**Dr. Morrill stated that the flexibility of the HLC's real estate projects has decreased greatly, and projects have become more costly since Mecklenburg County's Asset and Facility Management department has assumed greater administration control over the HLC real estate activities.**

**MR. CLARK PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. HUGHES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**MR. CLARK PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. HUGHES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.**

**3. Discussion of the Status of the Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Dr. Morrill reported that a California investor is under contract to purchase the Excelsior Club and the two parcels of land adjoining it. Dr. Morrill stated that he has spoken with the realtor, who has tentatively scheduled a meeting for the first week of July to discuss how the HLC might assist in considering preservation options for the property. Mr. Parsons and Mr. Hughes stated that they would also attend the meeting with the realtor.**

**4. Consideration of HLC Holding Covenants on Edgewood Farm, 11132 Eastfield Road, Charlotte, N.C., and the Shaw House Property, 2400 Mecklenburg Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Dr. Morrill stated that Preserve Mecklenburg has worked diligently on securing a buyer for Edgewood Farm. Dr. Morrill stated that the prospective buyer has agreed to place preservation covenants on two acres of land and the historic house. Dr. Morrill stated that Preserve Mecklenburg has an option to purchase for the Shaw House Property. Mr. Carnegie provided legal advice to the Committee regarding what the responsibilities are for an organization that holds preservation covenants on a property.**

**The Executive Committee reached a unanimous consensus that preservation agreements assuring the preservation of Edgewood Farm, 11132 Eastfield Road, Charlotte, N.C., and the Shaw House Property, 2400 Mecklenburg Avenue, Charlotte, N.C., should not be held by the Historic Landmarks Commission but either by Preservation North Carolina or Preserve Mecklenburg.**

**5. Discussion of the Status of the Charles E. Barnhardt House, 3217 Maymont Place, Charlotte, N.C.**

**Dr. Morrill stated that the Historic Landmarks Commission has received an offer to purchase for the Barnhardt House for \$550,000. Mr. Wilson stated that in the future he would recommend that the Commission first contact the media regarding historic landmarks that are at risk of being demolished rather than purchasing such properties, which might require substantial maintenance.**

**The Executive Committee reached a unanimous consensus that Dr. Morrill be authorized to counter the offer to purchase for the Charles E. Barnhardt House, 3217 Maymont Place, Charlotte, N.C., at a figure of \$800,000.**

**6. Old Business**

**There was no old business.**

**7. New Business**

**There was no new business.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.**