

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Design Review Committee Minutes
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C.
October 31, 2018
Time: 8:02 a.m. – 9:24 a.m.**

Present:

**Mr. Matthew Benson
Ms. Laura Hoover
Mr. Victor Jones
Mr. Garrett Nelson, Design Review Committee Chair
Mr. Stefan Pienkny
Mr. Kenneth Pursley
Ms. Catherine Weide
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Senior Preservation Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Stuart, HLC Administrative Assistant**

Absent:

Mr. David Gieser

Visitors:

**Kevin Brickman, Mecklenburg County
Ryan Gedney, HOK/Jenkins Peer
Jeremy Gomez, GMR Marketing
Victor Jones, HOK/Jenkins Peer
Evan Kettler, ECA
Ken Lambla, Elizabeth Resident
Bert Lynn, Mecklenburg County
Joane McKinney, HOK/Jenkins Peer
Vicki Saville, CPCC
Clifton Settlemyer, ECA
Paul Shipley, ECA
Melanie Sizemore, ECA**

1. Chair's Report: Garrett Nelson

Mr. Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members for their service on the Committee. Mr. Nelson also welcomed the visitors.

2. Consulting Director's Report: Dan Morrill

Dr. Morrill explained the function of the Committee and reiterated the importance of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards in determining the appropriateness of projects. Dr. Morrill explained that when Staff provides recommendations, it is giving no judgments

based on anything other than whether or not the plan fits these guidelines. Dr. Morrill stated that there is no historic element preserved in the plans for the American Legion Memorial Stadium, which the Committee will be reviewing. Based upon that judgment, Staff has determined that the plan is inappropriate. Dr. Morrill also reviewed the Survey and Research Report on the American Legion Memorial Stadium, focusing on photographs of original features of the stadium.

3. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray stated that a quorum was present and that, therefore, the Committee could make motions. Mr. Gray also reminded the visitors to sign the guest sheet.

4. COA Application for the American Legion Memorial Stadium, 1300 Block of Charlottetowne Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Gray stated that Mecklenburg County is seeking conceptual approval of the design and feedback on the design from the Committee.

Mr. Gray stated that Staff believes that the proposed project does not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, including but not limited to Standards number two and number nine.

Mr. Gray reviewed the conceptual plan for the property provided by the applicant and answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Gray stated that the Committee is tasked with determining whether the plan is appropriate. Mr. Gray reported that if the plans are determined to not be appropriate, the applicant could ask for the stadium to be de-designated, or the applicant could file a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition.

Members of the architectural team representing the applicant spoke on the condition of the stadium and plans for the stadium.

Mr. Pienkny left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Gray stated that Staff understands that the property needs to be useable, but that a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition may be more appropriate in this instance due to the number of elements that would be altered.

Dr. Morrill stated that the issue before the Committee is whether to table the issue to allow time for plans to be modified, or to support or not support the Staff recommendation.

MR. PURSLEY PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. HOOVER THAT THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE TABLE CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL STADIUM, 1300 BLOCK OF CHARLOTTETOWNE AVENUE, CHARLOTTE, N.C., WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE APPLICANT WILL MEET WITH STAFF AND THE DESIGN REVIEW

CHAIR TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE PROJECT. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MOTION.

Note: Victor Jones recused himself from the vote.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

The Committee adjourned at 9:24 a.m.