

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Design Review Committee Minutes
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C.
May 29, 2019
Time: 8:04 a.m. – 9:36 a.m.**

Present:

**Mr. Matthew Benson
Mr. David Gieser
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:

None

Visitors:

**Tyler Clark, American Legion Memorial Stadium
Jay Higginbotham, Mecklenburg County Asset and Facility Management Department
Bert Lynn, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department
Jon Maxey, American Legion Memorial Stadium
Joanne McKinney, American Legion Memorial Stadium
Nicole Perri, Currie House
Vicki Saville, American Legion Memorial Stadium**

1. Chair's Report: Garrett Nelson

Mr. Nelson welcomed the Committee members and visitors to the meeting.

2. Director's Report: Dan Morrill

Dr. Morrill reminded the Committee that its function is to enforce the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines when reviewing plans for designated historic landmarks.

3. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray stated that he did not have a report.

4. American Legion Memorial Stadium, 310 N. Kings Drive, Charlotte, N.C.

Note: Victor Jones was recused from the discussion on the American Legion Memorial Stadium.

Mr. Gray stated that plans for the American Legion Memorial Stadium are being brought to the Committee for approval. Mr. Gray reviewed the proposed design of the stadium and asked Joanne McKinney, architect, to speak on the proposal. Ms. McKinney detailed the proposed building materials and answered questions from the Committee regarding the materials proposed for the ticket booths.

Dr. Morrill asked the visitors to introduce themselves and state what property they represent. Dr. Morrill stated the importance of Mecklenburg County consulting with the Historic Landmarks Commission to develop methods of portraying historic events that have occurred at the stadium. Representatives from Mecklenburg County stated that there has been conceptual, internal discussion on this subject but presently nothing has been decided.

MR. BENSON PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. GIESER THAT THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL STADIUM, 310 N. KINGS DRIVE, CHARLOTTE, N.C., WITH THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS: 1) FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPERTY, 2) THAT THE APPLICANT CONSIDER USING THE CENTER ARCHES OF THE TICKET BOOTH BUILDINGS FOR HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE PROPERTY, AND 3) THAT THE TWO PROPOSED DESIGN OPTIONS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDINGS ARE APPROPRIATE AND THE APPLICANT HAS THE DISCRETION TO USE EITHER OPTION. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MOTION.

Note: Victor Jones was recused from voting on the motion.

Mr. Gray commented that the Historic Landmarks Commission would require documentary images of the existing architecture and landscape. Mr. Lynn stated that he would supply those images to the Commission.

5. Violet W. Currie House, 525 N. Main Street, Davidson, N.C.

Dr. Morrill stated that the Town of Davidson encouraged the Historic Landmarks Commission to process the Currie House for historic landmark designation due to the threat of demolition. Dr. Morrill stated that the previous owner was opposed to historic landmark designation but that the current owner is committed to the preservation of the house.

Mr. Gray showed photographs of the current condition of the house. Mr. Gray reviewed the site plan and stated that the applicant did a nice job of maintaining the prominence of the original house. Nicole Perri, architect, answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Benson left the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

MR. GIESER PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PURSLEY THAT THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT APPROVE THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE VIOLET W. CURRIE HOUSE, 525 N. MAIN STREET, DAVIDSON, N.C., WITH THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS: 1) THAT THE HEIGHT OF THE PROPOSED CROSS-GABLED WING BE REDUCED, 2) THAT THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED COURTYARD BE REDUCED, 3) THAT THE PROPOSED COURTYARD WALL BE NO CLOSER THAN TWELVE FEET TO THE EXISTING TREE LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF THE HOUSE AND SHOWN ON THE PLANS, AND 4) THAT THE FRONT PORCH DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS BE PRESERVED. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.