

2018 Annual Report

Charlotte-Mecklenburg
Historic Landmarks Commission

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Projects Committee Activities

- ▶ The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has the largest, local, publicly funded historic preservation revolving fund in the United States. It uses this fund to secure the fee simple or any lesser included interest in historic landmarks or contributing buildings in local historic districts.
- ▶ The Projects Committee recommended that the Historic Landmarks Commission secure an interest in the following properties: 1) Pecan Avenue Duplex (option to purchase); 2) Ingleside (fee simple interest); 3) Wallace House (performing due diligence).
- ▶ The Projects Committee continued to oversee the management of ongoing projects. These were: Torrence Lytle School; Charlotte Streetcar 85; Charles E. Barnhardt House.
- ▶ The Projects Committee oversaw the final sale of the Edward M. Rozzel House.

Survey Committee Activities

- ▶ The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has been the most active agency of its type in the state of North Carolina. Approximately 25% of all historic landmarks in North Carolina are in Mecklenburg County.
- ▶ The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission continued its program of processing properties for historic landmark designation. Pursuant thereto, it completed Survey and Research Reports on the following properties: Freeman House; Sustare House; E.L. Baxter Davidson Rock Monuments in the Beatties Ford Road Corridor; Former Charlotte Fire Station #8; Charlotte Fire Equipment; Wallace House; Highland Park Mill No. 1; Wilmore Elementary School; Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.
- ▶ The following properties were designated as historic landmarks: Highland Park Mill #1; Charlotte Firefighting Apparatuses; Wilmore Elementary School; Wallace House; Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Design Review Committee Activities

- ▶ The Historic Landmarks Commission is required by law to consider applications for Certificates of Appropriateness for all proposed material alterations to historic landmarks. In 2018, the Historic Landmarks Commission approved 43 Certificates of Appropriateness.
- ▶ Two major issues involving public agencies came before the Design Review Committee. Both were handled professionally and resulted in the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness by the Historic Landmarks Commission. The properties affected were: Ovens Auditorium and Charlotte Coliseum, and the American Legion Memorial Stadium. The Design Review Committee also considered removal of historic landmark designation for a portion of the Hennigan Place so that an economically viable development could occur.
- ▶ The Design Review Committee considered three applications for Certificates of Appropriateness to demolish Historic Landmarks. In all instances, the Design Review Committee recommended a 365 day delay of the effective date of demolition. The properties were: McConnell House, Excelsior Club, Victor Shaw House.