

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Survey Committee Minutes
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N. C.
August 21, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:38 p.m.**

Present:

**Mr. Brian Clarke
Mr. John Howard
Ms. Christine Landry
Mr. Len Norman, Survey Committee Chair
Mr. Michael Rogers
Mr. Jonathan Schulz
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Preservation Planner**

Absent:

**Mr. Louis Asbury
Mr. Akadius Berry**

Visitors:

**Tommy Mann, Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant
Richard Sidebottom, MacRostie Historic Advisors, Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant**

1. Chair's Report: Len Norman

Mr. Norman welcomed new members Brian Clarke, John Howard, and Christine Landry to the Committee, and gave an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the Committee. It was agreed that 6:00 p.m. was an appropriate meeting time going forward.

2. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray emphasized the need to maintain a quorum at the Committee meetings. Mr. Gray discussed the properties for Survey and Research Reports that have been funded but have not yet started. They are the Ashford House, the Sherrill Farm, and the Stafford Slave Cabin. Mr. Gray stated that Susan Mayer is under contract to produce the Survey and Research Report on the Sherrill Farm. It was agreed that the report for the Stafford Slave Cabin should be the priority for the next report. Mr. Gray discussed the idea that the HLC could ask owners to place protective covenants on their properties.

3. Consideration of a Survey and Research Report for the Ford Motor Company Assembly Plant, 1774 Statesville Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Gray presented the report to the Committee. Tommy Mann and Richard Sidebottom represented the owners of the property and answered the Committee's questions.

MR. ROGERS PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. CLARKE THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT PROCESS THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY ASSEMBLY PLANT, 1774 STATESVILLE AVENUE, CHARLOTTE, N.C., FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION, INCLUDING THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING AND A PORTION OF THE TAX PARCEL AS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

4. Consideration of a Survey and Research Report for the Helper-Walley House, 603 North Main Street, Davidson, N.C.

Mr. Gray presented the Survey and Research Report for the Helper-Walley House to the Committee. The Committee agreed that the report should make a stronger case for special significance. Mr. Gary stated that he will convey that message to the consultant who prepared the report and that a revised report will be presented to the Committee at a future meeting.

5. Beatties Ford Road Corridor Study

Mr. Gray reported that the HLC has stated its interest in conducting a study of the Beatties Ford Road corridor to identify significant historic resources. Staff recommends that the Survey Committee consider a first phase of the survey to include Washington Heights, University Park, the buildings that front Beatties Ford Road between Brookshire Blvd and Interstate 85, and all surviving Green Book properties along the Beatties Ford Road Corridor.

The survey of Washington Heights would include an inventory of all pre-1945 buildings. The survey would also include any post-1945 architecturally or historically significant buildings. An historic report on the University Park neighborhood would be produced with a general analysis of the housing stock and identify architecturally and historically significant properties. The survey would also inventory all pre-1945 buildings that front Beatties Ford Road, and any post-1945 architecturally or historically significant buildings, and all surviving Green Book properties along the Beatties Ford Road Corridor. Mr. Gray recommended that Brandon Lunsford might be the appropriate consultant to perform the work. The Committee agreed that the scope was appropriate. Mr. Gray stated that Staff will attempt to produce a final scope and cost and present those to the Committee at its September meeting.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 p.m.