

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Survey Committee Minutes
Location: 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N. C.
September 18, 2019
Time: 6:02 p.m. – 7:17 p.m.**

Present:

**Mr. Akadius Berry
Mr. Brian Clarke
Ms. Christine Landry
Mr. Len Norman, Survey Committee Chair
Mr. Michael Rogers (by telephone)
Mr. Jonathan Schulz
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Senior Preservation Planner**

Absent:

Mr. John Howard

1. Chair's Report: Len Norman

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

2. Director's Report: Dan Morrill

Dr. Morrill discussed the importance of the Survey Committee and stated that the Committee needs to look critically at prospective historic landmarks.

3. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray reminded the Committee that the next meeting was scheduled for November 13th.

4. Charlotte Modernist Survey

Mr. Norman discussed the growing acceptance of Modern Architecture. At the May 2019 Survey Committee meeting, Susan Mayer, survey consultant, presented 83 properties that could be added to the Historic Landmarks Commission's Study List. Mr. Gray instructed Ms. Mayer to narrow the list, and Mr. Norman and Mr. Gray presented a list of 15 properties to the Committee. Mr. Berry suggested adding the Alexander House at 1600 Welch Place, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Clarke recommended adding a gas station at 3700 Wilkinson Avenue, Charlotte, N.C.

MR. CLARKE PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. BERRY THAT 1600 WELCH PLACE, CHARLOTTE, N.C., 3700 WILKINSON AVENUE, CHARLOTTE, N.C.,

AND THE LIST OF MODERNIST PROPERTIES PRESENTED TO THE SURVEY COMMITTEE BE ADDED TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION'S STUDY LIST OF PROSPECTIVE HISTORIC LANDMARKS. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

5. Beatties Ford Road Corridor Survey

Mr. Gray recommended that the Survey Committee recommend that the Historic Landmarks Commission approve a first phase of the Beatties Ford Road Corridor Survey to include Washington Heights, University Park, extant Green Book properties, and the buildings that front on Beatties Ford Road between Brookshire Blvd and Interstate 85. The survey of Washington Heights would include an inventory of all pre-1945 buildings and 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 would 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. The work product would be a spreadsheet with the data for Washington Heights and the Beatties Ford Road properties, and a report containing the historical research and the descriptions of individually significant properties. Mr. Gray recommended that Brandon Lunsford, University Archivist and Digital Manager at Johnson C. Smith University, be engaged to perform the work for \$5,000.

MR. SCHULZ PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LANDRY THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT ENGAGE BRANDON LUNSFORD TO PRODUCE THE BEATTIES FORD ROAD CORRIDOR SURVEY AS PRESENTED BY STAFF FOR A FEE OF \$5,000. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

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

The Survey and Research Report for the Helper-Walley House was presented to the Survey Committee at its August 2019 meeting. The Committee did not believe that the report made a strong case for special significance, and Staff agreed to work with the consultant, Susan Mayer, to improve the argument for special significance. Mr. Gray presented a revised report that argued that the property was significant in that it clearly demonstrated the transitional nature of architecture. Dr. Morrill suggested that going forward that when a property is being considered for landmark designation that a request should be made to the owner that they allow protective covenants to be attached to the property. The Committee agreed to discuss the idea at a future meeting.

MR. CLARKE PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LANDRY THAT THE SURVEY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT PROCESS THE HELPER-WALLEY HOUSE, 603 NORTH MAIN STREET, DAVIDSON, N.C., FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION. THE

COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

7. Old Business

There was no old business.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

