

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Design Review Committee Minutes
Virtual Meeting
June 24, 2020
8:00 a.m. – 8:59 a.m.**

Present:

**Mr. David Gieser
Ms. Kristi Harpst
Ms. Laura Hoover
Mr. Victor Jones
Mr. Garrett Nelson, Design Review Committee Chair
Mr. Jack Thomson, HLC Executive Director
Mr. Stewart Gray, HLC Senior Preservation Planner
Ms. Elizabeth Stuart, HLC Administrative Assistant**

Absent:

**Mr. Richard Alsop
Mr. Robert Barfield
Mr. Matthew Benson
Mr. Kenneth Pursley**

Visitors:

**John Bolton, Currie House
David Strange, Currie House**

Note: This meeting was held virtually through the Zoom video conferencing platform.

1. Chair's Report: Mr. Garrett Nelson

Mr. Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Committee members for attending.

2. Senior Preservation Planner's Report: Mr. Stewart Gray

Mr. Gray stated that there may be a need for the Committee to meet in July and that he would let the Committee know the meeting date if necessary.

Mr. Gray stated that the Design Review Committee may continue holding virtual meetings and asked for feedback from the Committee. Mr. Jones stated that there are benefits to having in-person meetings, particularly for meetings with multiple agenda items. Mr. Thomson noted that the Committee may start meeting at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, which would provide more space for the public to attend.

3. Charles E. Barnhardt House, 3217 Maymont Place, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Nelson stated that this agenda item would not be discussed at this meeting.

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

Mr. Gray stated that the seconded motion to approve plans for the guest house on the Currie House property brought forth by the Design Review Committee to the Historic Landmarks Commission at its meeting in June was not approved. Mr. Gray stated that the Commission expressed concerns about the zoning requirements of the property and stated the need for more details regarding the visibility of the guest house from the road.

Mr. Gray stated that he discussed the proposed guest house with the zoning department of the Town of Davidson. Davidson planning recommended that the HLC should consider the project as presented and that the zoning department will then examine the zoning requirements only after the HLC has issued a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Gray reviewed the current condition of the property and stated that an addition to the historic house has already been approved by the Commission.

Mr. Gray also reviewed the property elevations and noted that the applicant had supplied additional information clarifying what portions of the proposed guest house would be visible from the street. Mr. Nelson thanked the applicant for submitting additional documents which answer the Commission's concerns.

Mr. Gray stated that if any issues with the zoning requirements arise, that this project will be brought back to the Committee.

MR. JONES PRESENTED A MOTION SECONDED BY MR. NELSON THAT THE DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION THAT IT APPROVE PLANS AS PRESENTED FOR THE GUEST HOUSE AT THE VIOLET W. CURRIE HOUSE, 525 N. MAIN STREET, DAVIDSON, N.C. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MOTION.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

Mr. Jones asked about the status of the proposed development of a portion of the James A. Blakeney House property. Mr. Jones asked about legal precedence of denying the de-designation of a historic property. Mr. Gray stated that creating general guidelines for applicants exploring infill development or significant additions might be beneficial.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.