

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Projects Committee Minutes
Virtual Meeting
September 2, 2020
6:02 p.m. – 7:48 p.m.**

Present:

**Ms. Diane Althouse, HLC Treasurer
Ms. Laura Hoover, HLC Secretary
Mr. William Hughes, HLC Vice Chair
Mr. Jeffrey Parsons, HLC Chair
Mr. Edwin Wilson, Projects Committee Chair
Mr. Jack Thomson, HLC Executive Director
Mr. Stewart Gray, Senior Preservation Planner**

Absent:

Visitors:

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

1. Chair's Report: Mr. Edwin Wilson

Mr. Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed the difficulties of finding new Commissioners who could contribute to the activities of the HLC, and urged all to be on the lookout for good candidates.

2. Update on Projects

a. Torrence Lytle School, 302 Holbrooks Road, Huntersville, N.C.

Mr. Thomson reported that the property has been shown twice recently, and that he is investigating new realtors.

b. Wallace House, 9425 Robinson Church Road, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Thomson stated that minor repairs would soon commence at the property. Mr. Wilson commented that water issues are especially problematic recently for many properties and gave a summation of the suggested work for the Wallace House. Ms. Althouse inquired about the cost of the repairs, but no numbers are currently available.

c. Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 412 Campus Street, Charlotte, N.C.

Note: Mr. Wilson recused himself from the discussion of this item.

Mr. Thomson reported that he and Sandy Carnegie have been in conversations with the attorney for JCSU and that there are several items of concern within the stabilization agreement that will need to be addressed. The state of the code enforcement was discussed, but Staff does not have an exact understanding of where the property is in the code enforcement process. Ms. Althouse expressed her concern that the project was a “bad deal.”

Mr. Thomson reported that the Self Help Credit Union was interested in the property and was interested in working with the HLC. The Committee discussed the feasibility of Self Help gaining control of the property.

d. Douglas House, 7601 Christie Lane, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Thomson stated that he has been in discussions with the staff at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, and that the airport may come into play in terms of that property, as well as the William Grier House, Steele Creek Manse, and the Cooper Log House. Mr. Thomson also reported that the airport was searching for an appropriate use of the Steele Creek Church.

3. Old Business

Mr. Wilson requested an update on the Charlotte Shotgun Houses. Staff reported that they had been working productively with the West Side Community Land Trust, but that the Land Trust had not produced the level of plans required by the approved motion of the HLC for the move and rehabilitation of the structures.

4. New Business

Ms. Hoover reported that the current plan for the Cole Manufacturing Company property included the preservation of the historic buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.