

**Charlotte-Mecklenburg
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Projects Committee
January 23, 2025
2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte
6:00 p.m. – 7:14 p.m.**

Minutes

Present

Robert Barfield, Projects Committee Chair (remote)
Brian Clarke, HLC Chair (remote)
Andra Eaves (remote)
Charlie Miller (remote)
Melanie Reddrick (remote)
Stewart Gray, HL Director
John Howard, HL Historic Preservation Manager

Note: This meeting was held virtually through the Microsoft Teams video conferencing platform and in person at the Historic Landmarks office at 2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte.

1. Chair’s Report: Robert Barfield

Chair Barfield did not have a report.

2. Torrence-Lytle School Repairs, 302 Holbrooks Road, Huntersville

Director Gray stated that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will review the expenditure for the roof repair, structure, and decking on February 4. He stated that it is underbuilt for a modern roof. He stated that the Commission will review this item at the February meeting as a consent agenda item.

3. Current Project Updates

a. Edgewood Farm, 11124 Eastfield Road, Huntersville

Gray stated that the Commission reviewed this project in summer 2024 when the Commission approved purchasing the property for \$500,000 to carry the note for the future owner. He stated that the Commission is not carrying the note until the project proceeds. He stated that the building’s intended use is for educational purposes.

b. Cornelius Agriculture Building, 21126 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius

Gray stated that this was a successful project and process. He stated that the Commission helped to expedite the review. He stated that the transaction closed in December and that repayments

will not begin until the building comes into service. He explained that the sale with interest will be returned to the Revolving Fund.

Commissioner Miller presented a motion seconded by Commissioner Eaves that the Projects Committee convene in Closed Session. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

Commissioner Miller presented a motion seconded by Commissioner Reddrick that the Projects Committee reconvene in open session. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

4. Staff Report

a. Note: This item was discussed in closed session.

b. Torrence-Lytle School, 14000 Holbrooks Road, Huntersville

Gray stated that the Torrence-Lytle School is getting a lot of interest to redevelop the building for adaptive reuse.

Commission Chair Clarke stated that he recently heard a potential reuse to include Mike Jeffcoat's idea for a Phillis Wheatley museum. He stated that this could be a good fit for the community. He stated that the public would like to see a community focused public use. He explained that Wheatley museums mostly focus on community activity.

Historic Preservation Manager Howard stated that Neighboring Concepts is working on a preservation plan for Pottstown. He stated that the kickoff meeting was on January 15, 2025, and that more information will follow.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

Commissioner Miller presented a motion seconded by Commission Chair Clarke that the Projects Committee meeting adjourn. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.