

MINUTES

**Wake County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 3:30 PM Room 2800 – Wake County Justice Center
301 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, North Carolina**

Members Present (11): Mr. Ed Morris (Chair), Mr. Jeff Hastings (Vice-Chair), Mr. Ray Hinnant, Mr. Charles Blunt, Ms. Camille Morrissey, Mr. Dan Turner, Ms. Peggy Beach, Ms. Mary Beth Carpenter, Mr. Marshall Harvey, Ms. Stephanie Ashworth, Ms. Lonnette Williams

Members Absent (1): Ms. Carrie Ehrfurth

Staff (3): Mr. Gary Roth and Mr. Jeremy Bradham, Capital Area Preservation, Inc. (CAP)
Ms. Terry Nolan, Wake County Planning and Development Services Division

1. Call to Order / Roll Call:

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Approval of July 10, 2018 Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as submitted.

3. Approval of June 12, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Hastings noted that Mr. Morris called the meeting to order, not himself.

Upon a motion by Ms. Ashworth, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the minutes were approved as amended.

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2017-2018

Ms. Ashworth presided for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Morrissey, the Commission elected Mr. Ed Morris Chairman of the WCHPC by acclamation.

Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Morrissey, the Commission elected Jeff Hastings as Vice-Chairman of the WCHPC by acclamation.

Ms. Ashworth announced that Mr. Morris has been elected Chairman and Mr. Hastings has been elected Vice-Chairman, serving the Commission from July 2018 to July 2019.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach Committee: None. The outreach committee will not meet until January 2019 to discuss the 2019 *Preservation Celebration* scheduled for April 28, 2019 at the Leslie-Alford-Mims House in Holly Springs.
- b. Designation Committee: Mr. Turner reported:
 - The Wake County Survey Update Phase IV is continuing, with the majority of the remaining work consisting of organizing and cataloguing all of the collected data by Ms. Jennifer Langdale of *New South Associates*. Ms. Ellen Turco has taken a new position with a new company, but is committed to completing the survey in Zebulon. All work should be finished by the end of August as scheduled.
 - Consideration of the Wakelon High School landmark designation will be taken up by the Zebulon Board of Commissioners during its regular work

- session, August 22, 2018. Questions by Commissioners will be addressed during this meeting; and, once everyone is on the same page, the landmark request will be forwarded to the Zebulon Board of Commissioners' regular meeting, September 4. All WCHPC members are encouraged to attend this meeting in support of the Wakelon High School landmark designation.
- The WCHPC Annual Retreat shall be held on November 20, 2018 at the Yates Mill County Park. During the Retreat, Ms. Ellen Turco and Ms. Jennifer Langdale will present their report on the Wake County Survey Update Phase IV. In addition, Rebecca Cope, Wake County Parks and Recreation, will give a presentation on the preservation of the mill; and, will, as well, provide a special tour of the facilities for the Commission. A trip to the historic Jesse Penny House, nearby, is also planned.
 - The Tom Olive House, Apex, will soon have a new owner. *Lennar Homes* has decided not to restore the house for use as a sales office, but to sell the property to a private entity. The prospective buyer has indicated to staff that she is interested in applying for Apex Historic Landmark designation. *Lennar Homes* has agreed to pay for the application.
 - Staff is in discussion with NCDOT concerning a proposed widening of NC Highway 55 in Apex, which has the potential to impact The Apex Dome Building, an Apex Historic Landmark. Staff shall inform the commission once more information is available.

6. Staff Report

- a. Survey Update Phase IV – Zebulon: Mr. Roth announced that Ms. Ellen Turco of *New South Associates* has taken a position with another company but the survey work is in good hands with Ms. Jennifer Langdale. Ms. Langdale has been working with Ms. Turco for the past few weeks to complete the fieldwork.
- b. Zebulon BOC Survey Presentation – August 22: Staff's intention is to be open and transparent with the Zebulon BOC concerning the survey process; and, to hear questions and concerns regarding the findings of the survey. Presentation by Staff at the August 22 meeting will allow for clarification and transparency at every level; and, will assure that everyone is on the same page well in advance of the regularly scheduled commission meeting, September 4, 2018.
- c. Wakelon High School Landmark Hearing – August 22: During the August 22 Zebulon BOC Work Session, Staff shall also present the Wakelon High School landmark designation. Once all issues are settled and all questions answered, the landmark designation recommendation – Zebulon's very first Wake County Landmark designation - shall be forwarded to the Zebulon BOC for a vote at their regular meeting, September 4, 2018.
- d. Survey Update Phase V – Eastern Wake USAs Proposal: Mr. Roth announced that Wake County has been awarded a grant for the final phase of the Wake County survey update. All commission members should have received a copy of the letter last week, confirming the award. This final phase of the survey update will include the USAs of Knightdale, Rolesville, Wendell, and Zebulon, as well as the county's Little River watershed area. Paperwork will begin in early Fall with signed contracts between the county and SHPO. Then, an RFP will be prepared and sent out to potential consultants – a long process as this Commission is aware.
- e. 2018 WCHPC Retreat – November 20: Mr. Roth announced that the WCHPC Annual Retreat will be held at Yates Mill County Park. All programming is yet to be determined, but will likely include lunch at the *Farmer's Market Restaurant* just

down Lake Wheeler Road. Staff continues to explore options for speakers and for nearby historic landmarks to visit during the retreat.

- f. SHPO Training Hosting: SHPO has reached out to Commission staff and Wake County staff asking if the commission would be willing to host a regional CLG training, much like the one that some commission members attended in Chapel Hill, this past May. A facility that could accommodate more than seventy attendees would be needed. Mr. Roth asked the members for facility suggestions; and, asked if hosting such an event is something they would be willing to commit to.

N.B. Possible locations recommended by the WCHPC included the Wake Forest Museum, Wake Forest and the Halle Cultural Center, Apex.

QUERY: Ms. Carpenter asked about the dates that are being considered, to which Mr. Roth stated that no dates have yet been proposed; rather, the question at hand is the commission's willingness to host such an event.

N.B. Mr. Turner noted that Wake County has received five (5) consecutive grants from SHPO and that it would be great to answer the call by hosting a regional training event, and, at the same time, showcase Wake County's program.

Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, and seconded by Ms. Beach, the commission voted unanimously to host SHPO CLG Training as requested, with date and location to be determined at some point in the future.

N.B. Mr. Morris stated that it will be important to have 100% participation by this commission as the hosting organization.

7. Old Business: None.

8. New Business: None.

9. Other Business: Ms. Nolan announced that the grant received by the WCHPC for Phase IV-Zebulon of the Wake County Survey Update shall be on the WCBOC Consent Agenda at its August meeting. She also noted that Wake County will be kicking off its Comprehensive Plan in September, Mr. Roth serving on the advisory committee for that process. Ms. Nolan shall give a presentation on the county planning process at the September WCHPC meeting.

N.B. Ms. Beach asked if this is a new process or has it happened before. Ms. Nolan confirmed that comprehensive planning has not been visited since 1999 – almost twenty years ago, now. The planning process will take roughly twenty (20) months.

10. Chair's Report: Mr. Morris reported that the suspected slave dwelling in Wake Forest is receiving lots of attention. While experts and consultants in the field of history and preservation have come together to study it, very little is known about the building. Using dendrochronology to date the wood framing of the structure has been recommended, as the building itself has been remodeled numerous times over the years. Based on available research, the structure reflects some documentation concerning Calvin Jones Plantation slave cabins being repurposed for Wake Forest student housing. Wake Forest University has offered to cover expenses for the preservation of the structure if it can be tied to the early days of the university.

11. Adjourned: Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Bradham
Secretary