

## DRAFT MINUTES

Wake County Historic Preservation Commission  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 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), Ms. Stephanie Ashworth, Mr. Ray Hinnant, Mr. Charles Blunt, Ms. Camille Morrissey, Mr. Dan Turner, Ms. Mary Beth Carpenter, Ms. Peggy Beach, Ms. Lonnelle Williams, Ms. Carrie Ehrfurth

**Members Absent (1):** Mr. Marshall Harvey

**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 3:32 pm.

### 2. Approval of March 12, 2019 Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as submitted.

### 3. Approval of February 12, 2019 Minutes

Mr. Hastings noted the omission of the word "why" from the last sentence on his query on page 2 and asked that it be added to the minutes.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Hastings, seconded by Ms. Beach, the minutes were approved as amended.**

### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach Committee: Ms. Morrissey reported that the 2019 *Preservation Celebration* shall be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Leslie-Alford-Mims House, Holly Springs NC. The signup sheet (*tasks and food donations*) is being passed around in today's meeting. Each commissioner is asked to bring food donations already assembled on a serving platter with serving utensils as well, since the kitchen in the historic house presents challenges. Anyone who is able to bring two food items is encouraged to do so; and, everyone is reminded to present their food offerings in bite-sized pieces. Commission members should arrive no later than 2:00 pm. Four (4) new landmark plaques will be presented to property owners. Once the presentation ends - around 5:00 pm - commission members will help clean up, finishing by about 6:00 pm. Ms. Morrissey will have the completed signup sheet - with all designated assignments and food items - at the April commission meeting for final review.
- b. Designation Committee: Mr. Turner reported
  - The Tom Olive House landmark report is nearly complete but is missing interior photographs. A CAP, Inc. Board member shall be purchasing the property and restoring the house interior - including returning historic mantels and doors; and, once this work is complete, photographs will be taken by Ellen Turco so the report can be sent to SHPO. While there are plans to close on the house by the end of March the landmark process is running behind schedule.

Should the Tom Olive House report not be resolved by April 28, the landmark plaque will be presented to the new owners at an upcoming Apex Town Council meeting.

- The E. C. and Elvah Daniel House landmark hearing was held before the Zebulon Board of Commissioners on March 4 and received unanimous approval so that the plaque will be presented to the owners at the *Preservation Celebration* on April 28.
- With the start of a new fiscal year, July 1, 2019, the committee will explore more potential landmarks, optimizing additional funds that will be available following the completion of the Wake County Survey Update. Potential options include but are not limited to:
  - Norris-Holland-Hare House, Holly Springs
  - Strain House, Fuquay-Varina
  - WD and Jane Ashworth modernist house, Fuquay-Varina.

**N.B.** Mr. Turner encouraged commission members to keep their eyes open for potential landmarks which might be brought to the committee for consideration.

- The committee discussed creating a unique plaque for the E.C. and Elva Daniel House commemorating two visits to Zebulon by President Harry S. Truman. 2019 Preservation Fund remainder funds (approximately \$600.00) may be used for this additional plaque. If completed in the next month, the plaque can be presented to the owners along with their landmark plaque at the *Preservation Celebration* on April 28. If not completed in time for the event, the additional plaque can be presented to the owners at a future Zebulon Board of Commissioners meeting.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Beach, the commission unanimously approved the fabrication of a plaque commemorating President Truman's visits to the E. C. and Elvah Daniel House.** In discussion, Mr. Roth stated that staff will work with Mr. Turner on the verbiage of the plaque.

**QUERY:** Mr. Morris asked if the property owners support this idea. **Staff shall reach out to owners as soon as possible; and, if they approve, contact the plaque foundry in order to get the plaque into production as soon as possible.**

## 5. Staff Report

- a. Survey Update Phase V – Eastern Wake USAs: Mr. Roth stated there has been a lot of activity the last week or two; and, SHPO has completed the contract and sent it to Wake County to be signed. The consultant has already signed the contract and is eager to begin work once the county has signed. The consultant, Jaime Destefano, will be visiting SHPO in early April to gather resources and conduct research and meet with commission staff to discuss expectations and open communication lines. This final phase will include the USAs of Knightdale, Rolesville, Wendell, and Zebulon, as well as of the county's Little River watershed area.
- b. E. C & Elvah Daniel House – Zebulon BOC Public Hearing – March 4: Mr. Roth reported that the Zebulon Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on March 4, 2019 to consider designating the E. C. and Elvah Daniel house as Zebulon's second historic landmark. Mr. Bradham gave the landmark presentation to the Zebulon Board of Commissioners and WCHPC Vice-Chair Mr. Hastings delivered the WCHPC's recommendation. The landmark was unanimously approved by the Zebulon BOC and became the first privately owned historic landmark in Zebulon. This brings to four (4) the total number of

landmark plaques that will be presented to their owners at the *Preservation Celebration* on April 28, 2019.

- c. Preservation Month Proclamation – WCBOC – April 15: Mr. Roth stated that the Preservation Month Proclamation designating May as Preservation Month in Wake County will be presented to the WCBOC on April 15, 2019. Mr. Roth and WCHPC Chair Mr. Morris will present the proclamation at the meeting that afternoon, and Mr. Roth encouraged WCHPC members to attend. Mr. Roth asked Ms. Nolan to confirm that the language was correct and everything was set for April 15.
- d. Preservation Celebration – Holly Springs – April 28: Mr. Roth noted that the *Wake County Preservation Celebration* will be on April 28, 2019 at the Leslie-Alford-Mims House in Holly Springs. The Holly Springs Town Council and Mayor were all invited to attend, as well as the Mayor and Town Council of Apex and Mayor and Board of Commissioners of Zebulon. The elected officials in attendance from both Apex and Zebulon will aid in distributing the landmark plaques to the new historic landmark owners.
- e. CLG Training – Wake Forest – May 17: A tentative agenda was passed around to commission members for a CLG training opportunity in Wake Forest on May 17, 2019. Mr. Roth stated that at least two commission members need to attend and asked for volunteers. There will be topics centered on cemeteries in the afternoon session, but if two members are able to attend at least half of the day, this commission will be able to fulfill its CLG credit for this year. Mr. Roth noted that Mr. Dean Reudrich, long considered one of the leading experts on cemetery preservation and stone restoration, passed away in January, and Mr. Jason Harpe will be giving the presentation concerning cemeteries. Ms. Carpenter, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Morris noted that since he will already be at the Wake Forest Museum where the training will be located, he will also be able to attend.  
**N.B.** Mr. Morris noted that there will be a lengthy discussion concerning the circumstances of the cemetery that was bulldozed in 2017 and what can be done to prevent similar incidents in the future.
- f. Minor Works COA Approvals: Mr. Bradham presented a minor works COA that was approved by staff:  
CA-02-19 – Leslie-Alford-Mims House, Holly Springs: The owner requested the installation of a new wooden fence around the property for screening.
- g. Wake County Comprehensive Plan Update: Ms. Nolan thanked everyone for giving input at the last meeting and passed around six short surveys that will soon be online. She asked for brief feedback at the end of the meeting.

**6. Old Business:** Ms. Carpenter stated that *Preservation Zebulon* attended the Zebulon Board of Commissioners' Retreat in Rocky Mount in late February. Jeff Adolphsen and Beth King from SHPO were also in attendance to answer any questions about historic preservation and the proposed National Register Historic District in Zebulon. The Board of Commissioners were able to have any questions addressed at this time.

**7. New Business:** Mr. Hinnant stated that he is on the board of directors for Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, and one of the cemeteries that they own is the City Cemetery, which opened in 1793. There were initially four quadrants encompassing four acres, two for citizens, one for guests, and one for African-Americans. A recent project involved cleaning up the African-American quadrant and restoring the markers, but

sadly few markers remain. The City of Raleigh paid for a GPR study of the burials in the African-American quadrant, which revealed more than 1,000 graves. There was previously believed to only be 300 graves in that quadrant.

**N.B.** Mr. Morris noted that prior to 1840, unless you were very wealthy, you could not afford a stone marker, as there were no local stone carvers until the State Capitol was constructed, bringing in skilled craftsman. Many of them stayed and carved most of the stone markers after 1840.

**8. Other Business:** Ms. Nolan stated that if any commission members need Wake County's Tax ID for tax purposes, she has that information. On the same note, Mr. Morris stated that payments haven't been received since November 2018, asking Ms. Nolan to follow up on this matter.

**9. Chair's Report:** Mr. Morris stated that he hoped to see many commission members at the CLG training in Wake Forest on May 17.

**10. Adjourned:** Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jeremy Bradham**  
**Secretary**