

## DRAFT MINUTES

Wake County Historic Preservation Commission  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 – 3:30 PM Room 2800 – Wake County Justice Center  
301 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, North Carolina

**Members Present (10):** 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. Carrie Ehrfurth

**Members Absent (2):** Mr. Marshall Harvey, Ms. Lonnelle Williams

**Staff (2):** 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 3:31 pm.

### 2. Approval of April 9, 2019 Agenda

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as submitted.

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

Ms. Morrissey noted two grammatical errors in the outreach committee report, "the" Preservation Celebration, and "as" well.

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

### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Outreach Committee: Ms. Morrissey reported that the 2019 *Preservation Celebration* will be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm, Leslie-Alford-Mims House, Holly Springs NC. An information sheet (*tasks and food donations*) was passed around at the meeting with each commission member's assignments. The directions to the event site are on the back of the sheet. Each commissioner is asked to bring food donations already assembled on a serving platter with serving utensils a 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 at 4:00 pm. Once the presentation ends - around 5:00 pm - commission members will help clean up, finishing by about 6:00 pm. Ms. Morrissey thanked Mr. Turner for furnishing the invitations for the event; and, thanked Mr. Hastings and Ms. Ashworth for handling the beer and the wine as well as Ms. Ashworth for providing live music (Gerald Parker Jazz Orchestra). CAP Board Member Deborah Underwood Brown has volunteered to provide floral arrangements for the tables. Ms. Morrissey encouraged all commission members to personally reach out and engage elected officials along with all others in attendance, as 'schmoozing' is the main reason for this event.

**QUERY:** Ms. Carpenter asked if there would be a press release for the event. Mr. Bradham stated that a press release will be sent out to media outlets 4 days before the event.

**N.B.** Mr. Morris stated that everyone should bring their food items on something that will be attractive on the table. Ms. Morrissey noted that silver will be used as a theme along with pink cloths on the tables.

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. Once this work is completed, interior photographs will be taken by Ellen Turco as required by SHPO. The CAP Board Member is scheduled to close on the property this week, will immediately meet with Staff on site and will begin work. Once the work required for photos has been completed, they will be added to the landmark report; and, if designated by the Apex Town Council, the new owner will receive his landmark plaque that that 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; therefore, the landmark plaque shall be presented to the owners at the 2019 *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 available following the completion of the Wake County Survey Update. Potential options include but are not limited to:
  - o Norris-Holland-Hare House, Holly Springs
  - o Strain House, Fuquay-Varina
  - o WD and Jane Ashworth Modernist House, Fuquay-Varina
  - o George and Neva Barbee House, Zebulon
  - o Horton-Kimball House, Zebulon
  - o Little River Dam, Zebulon

**N.B.** Mr. Turner encouraged commission members to keep their eyes open for potential landmarks which might be brought to the committee for consideration. Staff shall explore these recommendations and bring them to the committee for discussion. Process includes site visits and photographic examination to determine the eligibility of these potential landmark properties.

- The plaque commemorating the visits of President Harry S. Truman to the E.C. and Elvah Daniel House has been ordered and will be presented to the owners at the 2019 *Preservation Celebration*, April 28, 2019.
- Holly Springs Town Staff has reached out to commission staff with a desire to fund a NR Historic District nomination for the African-American district identified in the Wake County Survey Update of a few years ago. Once funds are set aside from Holly Springs Town Council, an RFP will be sent out to complete that report.

## 5. Staff Report

- a. Survey Update Phase V – Eastern Wake USAs: Mr. Bradham stated that Ms. Jamie Destefano, the consultant hired to complete the final phase of the Wake County Survey Update, visited SHPO earlier this month to gather files and materials to begin the project. She spent two days gathering the files for all of the properties

known to be in the area of study; and, she plans on visiting with staff to open lines of communication to begin the survey work.

- b. Preservation Month Proclamation – WCBOC -- April 15: Mr. Bradham reported that Chair Morris and staff will be attending the WCBOC meeting at which May will be designated as Preservation Month in Wake County. The official proclamation shall be delivered at the 2019 *Preservation Celebration* on April 28. All commission members are encouraged to attend the WCBOC meeting on April 15.

**N.B.** Mr. Morris noted that the proclamation is Item 7 on the agenda, so it will be presented early in the WCBOC meeting.

- c. Preservation Celebration – Holly Springs – April 28: Mr. Bradham 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 Mayor will be in attendance, as well as Zebulon's Mayor and Fuquay-Varina's Mayor. Other elected officials have been contacting staff to notify them of their attendance as well. The elected officials in attendance from both Apex and Zebulon will aid in distributing the landmark plaques to the new historic landmark owners.

**N.B.** Ms. Morrissey noted that if any commission members want to invite others to attend, they are encouraged to do so.

- d. CLG Training – Wake Forest – May 17: Mr. Bradham reminded the commission of the CLG training opportunity in Wake Forest on May 17. A Save-The-Date was sent by Mr. Bradham to commission members via email at the end of March. Four members have expressed plans to attend to fulfill the CLG requirements of this commission. There will be topics centered on cemeteries in the afternoon session, but if commission members are able to attend at least half of the day; those members will receive the CLG credit for attendance. Ms. Carpenter, Mr. Turner, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Morris plan on attending and staff will reach out to SHPO to confirm in the coming weeks.

**N.B.** Mr. Bradham noted that SHPO's report at the annual CLG Staff training indicated CLG training attendance was down in the previous fiscal year, despite more opportunities available than ever before. Staff wants to make certain that this commission meets those training requirements.

- e. H.B 399 -- NC State Rehab Tax Credit Extension: Mr. Bradham reported that there is a bipartisan effort by the NC Legislature to extend the Rehabilitation Tax Credit program another ten years, as it is set to sunset at the end of 2019. Staff, along with many others, assured everyone that this would likely happen, and now it is official. These rehab tax credits have been instrumental in the rehabilitation of both commercial and residential historic structures throughout Wake County.
- f. Wake County Comprehensive Plan Update: None.
- g. CLG Staff Training at SHPO – April 5, 2019: Mr. Bradham reported that he attended CLG Staff training at SHPO on April 5 and learned that this commission is doing very well in comparison with other CLGs across the state. He said that he was encouraged in his talks with SHPO staff, specifically Amber Stimpson, who praised this commission for all the work that it does as well as for fulfilling its CLG requirements.

**6. Old Business:** Ms. Carpenter noted that she attended the annual PNC Conference in Wilmington in March, which was rescheduled from Fall 2018 due to damage in the area from the hurricane season. She stated that it was a great event; and, that she

appreciated the opportunity to tour a lot of historic downtown businesses during the conference.

**7. New Business:** None.

**8. Other Business:** Mr. Hinnant stated that the Town of Wendell has donated a historic house to the Wendell Historical Society for the purpose of creating a museum. The Society has been holding fundraisers for the acquisition of a property but the gift from the town was both unexpected and very generous. The Society shall carry out work on the building with those funds that have been raised; and, the group is very excited about this new venture.

**9. Chair's Report:** Mr. Morris stated that he hoped to see all commission members at the *2019 Preservation Celebration* in Holly Springs on April 28. He encouraged everyone to mingle with the guests and discuss all the activities of the commission over the last two years. Mr. Morris also encouraged all of those that plan on attending the CLG training in Wake Forest on May 17 to attend and fulfill this commission's training requirements for the current fiscal year.

**10. Adjourned:** Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Jeremy Bradham  
Secretary**