DRAFT MINUTES
Wake County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 3:30 PM Room 2700 – Wake County Justice Center
301 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, North Carolina

Members Present (11): Mr. Ed Morris, Mr. Jeff Hastings, Ms. Camille Morrissey, Mr. Patrick
Lawson, Mr. Ray Hinnant, Mr. Dan Turner, Ms. Carrie Ehrfurth, Ms. Stephanie Ashworth,
Mr. Wes Tripp, Ms. Michelle Muir, Mr. Jack Harman

Members Absent (1): Mr. Marshall Harvey

Staff (2): Mr. Gary Roth, Capital Area Preservation, Inc. (CAP)
Mr. Bryan Coates, Wake County Planning, Development, & Inspections

1. Call to Order / Roll Call:
Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 3:38pm.

2. Approval of June 14, 2016 Agenda
Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as submitted.

3. Approval of May 10, 2016 Minutes
Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Public Hearing to Consider the Lewis-Mitchell House, Fuquay-Varina as a Fuquay-
Varina Historic Landmark
   a. Order of Hearing
   b. Presentation by Staff: Mr. Roth presented a PowerPoint reviewing the
      architectural and historical significance of the Lewis-Mitchell House in Fuquay-
      Varina.
   c. Comments by Department of Cultural Resources: On file with the original of
      these minutes.
   d. Comments by Interested Parties: Mrs. Mitchell expressed her appreciation to the
      Commission for the honor of a Historic Landmark designation for her home.

WCHPC Discussion/Action: Upon a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Ms. Morrissey,
the Commission voted UNANIMOUSLY to recommend designation of the Lewis-Mitchell
House as a Fuquay-Varina Historic Landmark by the Apex Town Council.

5. Committee Reports
   a. Outreach Committee:
      1. Instagram Program had good response for first attempt.
      2. Scrapbook contact information still pending
      3. Chairman Morris has framed the 2016 Preservation Month Proclamation from
         the County Commissioners and will entrust it to CAP, Inc. for archiving.
   b. Designation Committee:
      1. Mr. Turner deferred to Mr. Roth for the Preservation Fund update
      2. Chairman Morris presented an article in the N&O concerning the demolition
         (lost opportunity) of the Catalan House (Modernist) in Raleigh; and, Camille
         Morrissey mentioned the James Taylor family home in Chapel Hill.

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calling (919) 833-6404 or e-mailing info@cappresinc.org
6. Staff Report
   a. #thisplacematters and #wakeisgreat Campaign: The campaign generated responses from citizens around the county; and, we look forward to 2017 Preservation Celebration next year.
   b. Training Review – Chapel Hill, May 13, 2016: The training hosted by the Town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill Preservation Society was attended by Mr. Roth, Mr. Bradham, Mr. Coates, and Ms. Ashworth.
   c. Future Training Opportunities: In order to meet the CLG Training goal for the WCHPC, we will need at least one additional commission member to attend CLG Training either in Greensboro, September 28-30 or in Wake Forest at a time to be announced.
   d. Eastern Wake Towns Survey Update: The Eastern Wake Survey is complete and July 1 is targeted to create all of the files. The results will be presented at the August WCHPC meeting.
   e. 2016 CLG Grant Update: The grant application for the final components of the county-wide survey has been submitted, and staff expects to hear a decision from SHPO within the next month.
   f. Preservation Fund FY2015 – 2016 :
      $13,656 + 1108 = $14,764
      -$9,000.00 Survey Grant
      -$1595.00 Archaeological Survey (Upchurch-Williams House)
      -$134.00 CLG Training
      -$2625.00 Lewis-Mitchell House Landmark Nomination
      -$410.00 Plaque for James Madison Williams House (includes additional $108.00 from County)
      TOTAL EXPENSES: $14,764.00

7. Old Business: None.
   QUERY: Michelle Muir asked for an update on the White-Guess-Ogle House and the Ivey Ellington House, both located in Cary. Gary Roth reported that Mrs. Ogle, owner of the Guess-White Ogle House, has withdrawn her COA request but will appear at next month’s Cary Historic Preservation Commission meeting to request that the property be “de-landmarked.” If the landmark status is removed, she will be liable for to pay three years of backed Wake County and Cary property taxes. Regarding the Ivey-Ellington House, news reports indicate that the current plan is to relocate it in a way that would cause the rear of the building to abut commercial structures and the front porch to face a parking lot and new construction. The Guess-White-Ogle House landmark report and the Ivey-Ellington National Register nomination were both funded by Wake County.
   QUERY: Dan Turner asked for a timeline re: the Lewis-Mitchell House. Gary Roth responded that if recommendation is heard and approved by F-V Town Council before December 31, 2016, the property owners will be eligible for tax deferral beginning in 2017.

8. New Business: None.

9. Other Business: Jeff Hasting encouraged all commissioners to be vigilant when traveling through the Apex area, especially nearby unincorporated areas of the County; and, to contact staff in the event that signs of future development appear that may endanger historic structures.

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10. **Chair’s Report:** Chairman Morris again referred Commissioners to the N&O Article on the Catalian House, now demolished; and he, again, referred the framed copy of the Proclamation from the County Commissioners re: Preservation Month to Staff. Mr. Morris alerted the Commission that he will not be in attendance at the July meeting; and, that Jeff Hastings will assume the chair in his stead.

11. **Adjourned:** Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Ashworth for Jeremy Bradham
Secretary