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Wake County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 3:30 PM Room 2700 – Wake County Justice Center
301 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh, North Carolina

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

Members Absent (1): Mr. Marshall Harvey

Staff (2): Mr. Gary Roth and Mr. Jeremy Bradham, Capital Area Preservation, Inc. (CAP)

1. Call to Order / Roll Call:
Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. Approval of August 9, 2016 Agenda
Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as submitted.

3. Approval of July 12, 2016 Minutes
Ms. Ashworth noted that under Item 6, Section D, the word “lots” should be removed. Upon a motion by Ms. Muir, seconded by Mr. Tripp, the minutes were approved as amended.

4. Committee Reports
   a. Outreach Committee: Ms. Morrissey stated that the committee is already looking ahead to the Preservation Celebration with a tentative date of Sunday, April 30. The event will kick-off Preservation Month in Wake County. The proposed location to host the event is the Leslie-Alford-Mims House in Holly Springs. Each commission member will be responsible to bring a covered dish and beer and wine will be provided. A potential five (5) historic marker plaques will be presented to new landmarks across Wake County at the 2017 event.

   b. Designation Committee: Mr. Turner stated that reports are starting soon for the Joseph Blake Farm near Shotwell and for the Upchurch-Williams House in Apex. Cynthia DiMiranda of MdM Consultants has been contracted to complete the report for the Joseph Blake Farm and Jennifer Martin, also of MdM Consultants, will be completing the landmark report for the Upchurch-Williams House. The target for both projects to be completed is early November. The survey results of the Eastern Wake County Survey Update will be presented by Heather Wagner Slane at next month’s meeting. Mr. Turner further reported that all money has been encumbered for this fiscal year. There is hope that Zebulon will become a part of the preservation program again, so future money can be focused on potential landmarks in that town’s jurisdiction.

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5. **Staff Report**
   
a. **CLG Training Webinar, September:** SHPO will be hosting a webinar in September that will qualify as CLG training credit. This is the most convenient training opportunity and does not cost anything. All commission members are encouraged to participate.
   
   **QUERY:** Mr. Morris asked about the date of the webinar training, to which Mr. Roth responded that a date has not been determined yet.

b. **PNC Annual Conference, September 28-30, Greensboro:** While there are currently no funds available for a commission member to attend, SHPO has confirmed that the Thursday sessions can count for CLG credit.

N. B. Ms. Ashworth stated that she could attend the PNC conference in Greensboro on her own funds and visit family while there if need be.

c. **CLG Cemetery Workshop:** There is another CLG training opportunity concerning preservation and restoration practices in cemeteries. This training opportunity will go towards training in the next fiscal year, which begins on October 1 in accordance with the Federal Government’s fiscal year. It will be held on October 12 and 13 and is hosted by the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department. Ms. Ashworth, Mr. Lawson, and Mr. Turner have been signed up and will attend for CLG credit.

d. **National Trust Conference:** The National Trust for Historic Preservation will hold its annual conference in Houston, TX in November.

e. **Eastern Wake Towns Survey Update:** The consultant, Heather Wagner Slane, will be present next month to give a presentation of her report. She could not attend today’s meeting due to a prior commitment.

f. **Meadowbrook Country Club, Garner (NR):** The Town of Garner has purchased the Meadowbrook Country Club. It is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a designation that this commission paid for. Historically it was an African-American country club, the alternative to the white country club in Raleigh, and prominent leaders of the civil rights movement in Wake County were members there. It was initially sold to St. Augustine’s University to be used by their golf team, but they ultimately sold it to the Town of Garner due to budget demands. The Town of Garner wants to turn it into a recreational facility with no golf, so the fate of the buildings is unknown. County staff has been in contact with the Town of Garner to inform them of its listing on the National Register, and once there is an update, staff will let the commission know.

g. **Dorton Arena, Raleigh (RHL/NR):** Mr. Roth stated that he has a meeting on Thursday with state officials and SHPO at Dorton Arena. The State has contracted with an engineering firm to install a new roof on the building. The state officials want to meet out there and understand the requirements before undertaking this project. Mr. Roth informed new commission members that a previous after-the-fact COA involving the NC State Commercial and Agricultural Building was denied by this commission. Since then, state officials have been diligent in bringing proposed changes to the attention of the commission for consideration.

   **QUERY:** Mr. Morris asked the name of the engineering firm hired to install the new roof. Mr. Roth will get that information for Mr. Morris once he returns to the office.

h. **Wakefield Barn (WCHL):** Wakefield Barn (WCHL): The Wakefield Barn near Wake Forest is currently listed for sale. Staff has contacted the listing agent to inform him of the site’s Wake County Historic Landmark status and accompanying restrictions.

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i. Dr. Nathan Blalock House: During the process of reviewing projects within the jurisdiction of the county, WCHPC staff flagged an initial request for a special use permit involving the Dr. Nathan Blalock House. Staff reached out to the owners and requested a COA be submitted, which will likely be presented at the next WCHPC meeting.

j. Minor Works COA Approvals: Mr. Bradham presented a minor works COA that was approved by staff.
   CA-07-16 – Robertson-O’Briant Farm, Creedmoor vicinity: The owner (Wake County) requested the removal of two non-contributing buildings along with debris remaining on the site after the destruction of the house by fire in October of 2015.

k. CAP Anthemion Awards: Capital Area Preservation will hold its Anthemion Awards at The Irregardless Café, Morgan Street, Raleigh, NC, Monday, September 26, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Commission members will be mailed invitations once the winners of this years awards have been selected.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Other Business:** Mr. Lawson asked about St. Agnes Hospital on St. Augustine’s University’s campus and its future. Mr. Roth stated that it is highly unlikely that any rehab work will be taking place in the near future.

9. **Chair’s Report:** Mr. Morris stated that he is scheduled for another attempt at his surgery on Thursday, as the first was cancelled due to a fire at the hospital.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Bradham
Secretary

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