

RALEIGH HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 222 W. Hargett St., Room 305

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Davis called the meeting to order at 7:48 am. A quorum was declared following roll call.

A. Roll Call: Teresa Young, Administrative Support, called the roll as follows:

Present: Nicole Alvarez (arrived 7:51), Elizabeth Caliendo, Don Davis, Nick Fountain, Jenny Harper, John Hinshaw, Laurie Jackson, Kaye Webb, Gaston Williams (left at 8:48)

Other: John Anagnost, Planner; Melissa Robb, Preservation Planner; Tania Tully, Preservation Planner; Teresa Young, Administrative Support

Absent: Sarah David, Sabrina Goode

Excused: Jimmy Thiem

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Tully noted that two additional items would need to be added to the agenda under discussion items. Item B. Anthemion Awards and item C, Board Docs. Mr. Hinshaw made a motion to approve the amended agenda; Mr. Williams seconded; motion carried 8/0.

B. Approval of Minutes: Mr. Fountain made a motion to waive reading and approve the July minutes; Mr. Hinshaw seconded; motion carried 8/0.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update: John Anagnost of the Department of City Planning gave an update about the Comprehensive Plan update and the items that relate to it regarding historic preservation. This included Dix Park, advocacy, area plans and themes. Mr. Anagnost stated the new plan is up for comments and when the final section is uploaded there will be a final 30 day comment period before going to City Council and the Planning Commission. There was discussion among the commission members regarding what comments should be made, particularly about Dix. Ms. Tully suggested that staff could prepare a bare bones memo that could be approved at the next business meeting. Mr. Fountain and Ms. Harper volunteered to review the comprehensive plan and provide suggestions of comments to include in the memo.

B. Anthemion Awards: Ms. Tully asked the commission for nominations for any rehabilitation projects completed within the past year for the awards.

C. Board Docs: Ms. Tully announced that the commission will move to the Board Docs platform at some point in the Fall.

IV. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

A. Historic Preservation Toolkit: Mr. Anagnost gave an update regarding the Historic Preservation Toolkit and the timeline for the project. He announced the contractor handling it is PlaceEconomics. There was discussion about what the toolkit will entail. Ms. Tully asked for volunteers for the focus group that will be taking place in the future, likely on September 14th and 15th.

- B. COA Annual Training: Ms. Caliendo stated that the training went well and the discussion focused on streamlining the process, expert testimony, substitute materials, and how prior decisions were handled.
- C. Gables Motel Lodge: Ms. Tully announced the property is under contract for purchase and the purchaser is interested in a similar use of the property.
- D. Roast Grill: Ms. Harper stated the owner is changing his mind about designation and does not want to move forward anymore. The report that is being prepared will be completed in a different format, as an informational document rather than a landmark designation
- E. Lustron House: Ms. Tully explained City staff is working on preparing to move the house as the developer has closed on the property sale. There is now a solid timeline and Joe Michael of City Planning is working with the on-call engineers the City has to prepare a foundation plan, and Roberta Fox is working on getting the new lot prepared. Ms. Tully stated it is looking like the project will be able to be completed within the budget.
- F. RHDC Press: Ms. Jackson reminded the commission to report anything they heard about preservation so it can be posted on social media. Mr. Hinshaw brought up an article that was in the News and Observer in the past week about an architect in Texas dealing with preservation. Mr. Williams announced the Oberlin Village sign has shipped and will be installed soon. Ms. Jackson proposed talking about the Lustron house in upcoming press.
- G. Housing Code Violations – Vacant and Closed List: Ms. Harper stated 624 Park Drive was a property in Cameron Park that came up.
- H. PNC Conference Participants: Ms. Robb collected a final headcount for the conference for September 27-29 in Charlotte.
- I. Widow’s Son Lodge Participants: Ms. Robb stated she would find information about the cost and collected the names of commissioners who would attend the event.

V. NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

See as listed in agenda.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Tully reminded the commission of the joint public hearing with City Council on September 5th in the Council Chambers. A quorum of the commission will need to be present. Ms. Tully added that the pop-up event at the farmer’s market will be September 6th from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 am.

Don Davis, Chair
Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Teresa Young, Administrative Support
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