

RALEIGH HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 222 W. Hargett St., Room 305

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Davis called the meeting to order at 7:46 am. A quorum was declared following roll call.

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

Present: Nicole Alvarez, Travis Bailey, Elizabeth Caliendo, Sarah David, Don Davis, Nick Fountain, Jenny Harper, John Hinshaw, Laurie Jackson, Jimmy Thiem, Kaye Webb, Gaston Williams

Other: John Anagnost, Senior Planner; Colette Kinane, Preservation Planner; Melissa Robb, Preservation Planner; Tania Tully, Senior Preservation Planner; Teresa Young, Administrative Support; Ian Dunn, 2325 Millbank St, 27610; Peggy Supinski, 2610 Lockmore Dr, 27608; Cady Thomas, 2330 Bard St, 27608

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Davis added Item F under follow up, Gables Hotel. Mr. Fountain made a motion to approve the amended agenda; Mr. Thiem seconded; motion carried 12/0.

B. Approval of March Minutes: Mr. Fountain moved to waive reading and approve the March minutes; Ms. David seconded; motion carried 12/0.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Historic Preservation Toolkit: John Anagnost gave a presentation to the commission on the Historic Preservation Toolkit and the overall status of the project. Mr. Anagnost discussed tools that the consultant recommended, as well as announced the topic will be on the City Council work session agenda on May 15. The commissioners discussed some of the tools proposed including transferable development rights, floor area density ratio and a historic preservation grant fund, as well as the overall importance of historic districts and commercial buildings to the city. Mr. Davis directed that everyone review the draft report, and give their comments to the executive committee for preparation of a memo to send to City Council.

B. Proposed Slate of Officers: Ms. Webb stated the Nominations Committee met and proposed the following slate of officers for 2018-2019; Mr. Davis as Chair, Mr. Fountain as Vice Chair and Mr. Hinshaw as treasurer. Mr. Williams proposed to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers; Ms. David seconded; motion carried 12/0.

C. NAPC Forum Attendance: Ms. Tully asked for a final count of commissioners interested in attending the conference in July. Four members would like to participate.

IV. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

A. Latta Event: Ms. Alvarez reported the event will be April 28th from 10:30 am to 2:30 with presentations at 11 am on Oberlin Village's history and the development of the Oberlin Village Historic Overlay District, which Ms. Tully will co-present. There will be a presentation at 1 pm about the Latta University site. There will be food trucks, games and fun items. Four commissioners will be present at an RHDC information table to talk to the public about the work the commission does.

- B. Anderson Heights: Ms. Harper stated the commission is working with residents of the Anderson Heights neighborhood again on HOD designation. Ms. Tully reported that as a result of the feedback at the April 9 public meeting staff will issue an RFQ for an architectural historian to create an investigative report on the buildings within the district boundaries, as well as verification of the boundaries. Once the report is completed it will be shared with the residents in another public meeting to consider if there is enough support to move forward with the next steps toward HOD designation. Ms. Peggy Supinski expressed her concern about the proposal and stated she went door to door to speak with people in the neighborhood. She was concerned that many residents did not understand what was going on, and many residents were concerned that it was being led by a group of only sixteen people in the neighborhood. Ms. Harper said that when the investigative report was developed the residents and the commission would have learned more about the neighborhood and its development, supporting one of the goals of the commission to research and share the facts about the history, architecture and development of the city. The commission members discussed that this potential HOD was in the early stages of information gathering with many chances to share with residents. If a rezoning petition is filed (dependent on neighborhood support) public input will be sought prior to a decision by City Council. Mr. Bailey stated he will be livestreaming the May 9 Five Points CAC meeting on Facebook . Mr. Fountain also suggested getting information out on a neighborhood listserv to keep residents up to date.
- C. Website Update: Ms. Tully stated the commission voted to issue an RFP to update the website but there is insufficient funding to do so. Ms. Tully reported that over the summer two internal communications staff will investigate the scope and cost for updating the site and an intern might be hired to do the work at a later time.
- D. Demolition Delay at 934 N Boylan Avenue: Ms. Tully reported the house will not be demolished as originally planned, but a COA for an addition will be filed instead.
- E. Preservation Project Updates: Ms. Tully stated the planning for the foundations for both the Lustron House and the Hall House are moving forward. It was recently discovered that there is insufficient water pressure in the fire hydrants at the Hall House site. The Oakwood Survey is currently under review by the State Historic Preservation office, and the Architectural Survey Update report has been received and a summary is being presented at the RCAC meeting April 17. The next step will be to select one or more neighborhoods for development of an inventory list for that neighborhood.
- F. Gables Hotel: Mr. Thiem stated he discussed with Tift Merritt the status of the Gables project. He reported that things are progressing and that the current plan is to retain all the original buildings and to add two small-scale buildings flanking the existing garage. The buyer is in the process of working on other issues related to environmental and zoning matters.

V. NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

See as listed in agenda.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Harper introduced Mr. Ian Dunn who may be interested in joining the commission and who attended to observe a commission meeting and learn more about it.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 am.

Don Davis, Chair
Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Teresa Young, Administrative Support
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