

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) met on Monday, March 27th, 2023, at 1:30 P.M. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville, N.C. and via Microsoft Teams.

ATTENDEES

Kathie Doole, Chair
Reid Barwick, Vice Chair
Christy Thompson
Knox Crowell
Bette Carter
Victoria Flanagan
Autumn Radcliff (Staff)
Liz Hanson (Staff)

ABSENT

Mandy Gibson
Sean Smith

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Kathie Doole called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment for this meeting.

REVIEW JANUARY & FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January and February 2023 meeting minutes were provided to the commission prior to the meeting for their review. Commission member Knox Crowell motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Commission member Bette Carter second the motion. Motion carried. Commission member Victoria Flanagan motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Historic Landmark Application

The Historic Resources Commission continued their discussion of the Brightwaters / Samuel J. Childs House application for Local Historic Landmark Designation. Prior to the meeting, the commission received the review of Brightwaters / Samuel J Childs House from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The review provided comments that are aimed at strengthening the application. One of the applicants, Aleda Coppola, was present at the meeting virtually via

Microsoft Teams. Mrs. Coppola provided the commission an update on their application for local historic landmark designation. The applicants explained that they are planning on working with a consultant to apply for National Historic Designation, a process which usually takes about a year. Mrs. Coppola stated that they will work with the consultant to gather further information on the property and address the comments provided by SHPO. Mrs. Coppola stated that they aim to have a draft report ready sometime in May or June. Mrs. Coppola stated that she would share the draft report to the commission once it becomes available.

Ms. Victoria Flanagan asked Mrs. Coppola if they were planning on doing a title search on the property. Mrs. Coppola informed her that is something the consultant will assist with looking into. Victoria also shared that she researched a previous resident of the property, Lila Ripley Barnwell of the Barnwell Family, and found documents such as her death notice, the death notice of her father, and where they are buried, amongst several others. Victoria also shared that the book, *From the Banks of the Oklawaha Volume I*, contains information about Lila Ripley Barnwell in the last chapter. Victoria also shared that a tree located on the applicant's property was measured to be a 183-year-old Hemlock, possibly planted sometime in the 1840s. Mrs. Coppola shared with the commission that they are planning on focusing on the architectural components of the home for the National Historic Designation, rather than focusing on Samuel J Childs. The commission agreed to wait on their formal recommendation for Local Historic Designation until the applicants provide more information and address some of SHPO's comments. Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director, explained to the applicant that the HRC's recommendation does not designate the property as a landmark, but moves it along in the process to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The Zoning Board of Adjustments is the evidentiary board that officially designates the property. The County Board of Commissioners will be notified of the designation and the applicant can apply for a tax abatement with the County Tax Office. Mrs. Radcliff also informed the commission that the County does not have a template that is required to be used for the report. The State Historic Preservation Office also provides a checklist for applicants on their website.

Review of "100-Year Structures" List

The commission was previously provided a list of structures within the County that were built in 1923, or 100-years old. The commission reviewed these structures at their convenience. Commission Chair, Kathie Doole and Mandy Gibson investigated the properties and provided her feedback on several properties of interest and those not of interest. These properties were noted and planned to be discuss in more detail at the next meeting. Staff Coordinator, Liz Hanson, informed the commission that she would provide a more consolidated list of 100-year structures, including those identified by the commission, in the coming weeks.

Laurel Park Centennial (2025)

Mrs. Bette Carter shared with the commission that the Town of Laurel Park will be having their centennial celebration in 2025. The town is hoping to add the title of "Historic" to Laurel Park to make it the "Historic Town of Laurel Park". They are also hoping to have license plate frames made as well to celebrate the town's 100-years. Mrs. Bette Carter shared that she was involved in creating the "Welcome to Historic Hendersonville" sign with the Department of Transportation.

UPDATES

Staff shared with the commission that they are going to look into having the Historic Resources Commission informational brochure professionally printed for distribution to potential Local Landmark applicants and general awareness.

Staff also shared that they met with GIS Administrator, Jack Drost, regarding the creation of a Historic Preservation GIS Layer for the County. Mr. Drost is working to create a new GIS layer of city, state, and County Historic Landmarks.

The commission discussed moving their monthly meeting from the third Monday of the month to the fourth Monday of the month. Commission Vice Chair Reid Barwick motioned to approve the change. Victoria second the motion. Motion carried. This change will take effect immediately, moving April's meeting from the 17th to the 24th. Miss Hanson informed the commission that she would send out an updated meeting calendar.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.