

HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) met on Monday, January 28, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville, N.C.

ATTENDEES

Kathie Doole, Chair
Reid Barwick, Vice Chair
Bob Davy
Knox Crowell
Mandy Gibson
Anne Bryan Hanson
Bette Carter
Michael Arrowood
Janna Bianculli (Staff)
Liz Hanson (Staff)
Carlos Martinez (Staff)

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Commission Chair Kathie Doole called the meeting to order at 1:32 P.M. Kathie introduced new member Bob Davy (Town of Fletcher Representative) and invited him to share some background.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

REVIEW MARCH MEETING MINUTES

The November 2024 Meeting Minutes were provided to the Commission for their review. Commission member Anne Bryan Hanson motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Commission member Bette Carter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2025 MEETING CALENDAR

Two options were presented to the Commission for the 2025 meeting calendar:
Option 1. 12 monthly meetings or
Option 2. 6 bi-monthly meetings with the option for special meetings as needed.
The Commission discussed and agreed that Option 2 was preferred. Commission member Mandy Gibson motioned to approve the meeting calendar. Commission member Anne Bryan Hanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

100 Year Structures

Liz Hanson clarified that the 100-year list was for structures built in 1925, not for all structures older than 100. The Commission requested a comprehensive list of all structures over 100 years old. Liz will send this along with the curated list of structures in the presentation and links to their property cards. Bob Davy questioned why no Fletcher addresses are included in the list, and staff clarified that Henderson County can only investigate structures in unincorporated areas. Since Fletcher does not have its own Historic Commission, it could formally request to be included in Henderson County's scope. However, tax incentives may not be available as they are outside the county's jurisdiction.

Brightwater Cottages

Michael Arrowood shared that he knows the owners of the stone house and has helped with some restoration. The owners know that the stone house does not yet qualify but know its history and have photos. The Poplar Lodge is older and could be an avenue for designation. Notably, the stone house was featured in a state-wide magazine.

Hurricane Helene

Staff asked the Commission how they would like stories/data displayed. The Commission wants this information in paper form, multi-media, and redundant storage. They also advised using archives other organizations have worked on as a starting point (David Weintraub, Genealogy, etc.). Janna Bianculli told the commission that FEMA money is available for historic property restoration.

Farmland Preservation

Liz Hanson presented farmland as something worth historical consideration and as a possible public relations strategy for encouraging local farmers to enter their properties into conservation easements. Century Farms are nationally recognized farms or ranches continuously owned by one family. There are 1,982 in NC and 6 in Henderson County. The Commission expressed interest in long-operational farms not constrained to a single family to better understand local farms' longevity. Rugby Grainge Farm in Fletcher was offered as a case study.

UPDATES

Coloring Book

Knox discussed some details about creating a coloring book, including where/what the priorities are, materiality, who would draw it, and how it would be made available (sold, download, etc.). He would like to begin sketching ideas.

Events

Historic Homes Tour in Flat Rock and Laurel Park Bicentennial dates TBA

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:37 PM.