

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 14, 2011

Members Present: Alexis Cooke (Vice-Chair), Amy Dowdle, Ruth Ann Dyer, Louise Howard (Chairman), Debra Ludas, Tom Neal, Parker Schlink (Treasurer), Sandy Smart and Ann Welton

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Agnes Wanman (Planner)

Guests Present: Glenn Harbeck, David Cooke, Pinky (Mary) Cooke, Ellen Turco, James Cooke

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by the Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

COA PUBLIC HEARING AND CASE REVIEW

A. Landmark Designation: A request filed by Ellen Turco of Circa, Inc. on behalf of David and Mary Cooke to designate their home, the Heartsfield House, a local historic landmark, including outbuildings and other structures and 10.5 acres of their property at 9737 Ligon Mill Road. Alexis Cooke recused herself, as a family member. Agnes Wanman and Ellen Turco were sworn in by the Chair. Agnes presented the application and staff report. Ellen gave a detailed report on the house and grounds. Pinky Cooke was sworn in by the Chair. She made comments on their connection with the house and expressed concern about its future welfare, fearing that it is endangered. After general discussion Amy Dowdle moved to recommend landmark designation by the Board of Commissioners. Sandy Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. COA-11-14: A request filed by Alexis and James Cooke for a Certificate of Appropriateness to add a window and shutters to the north-facing façade, remove aluminum siding to reveal wood siding, and repair and paint wood siding on the Powell-Mackie-Lake House at 340 North Main Street. As the applicant, Alexis Cooke recused herself from the hearing. Agnes Wanman, James Cooke, and Alexis Cooke were sworn in by the Chair. Agnes presented the application and staff report and submitted them into the record. James Cooke clarified that they intend to remove all the aluminum siding. After general discussion Amy Dowdle moved that the request meets the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Parker Schlink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Amy then moved that the request meets the Historic District Design Guidelines. Parker again seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Amy Dowdle then moved to grant the COA with the conditions listed in the staff report. Parker Schlink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Conditions for COA-11-14 are:

- 1) The brackets will be retained and repaired, as necessary.
- 2) Any shutters installed will be made of wood, similar in design as the rest of the house.
- 3) If any clapboard need to be replaced they will be replaced with new clapboards, similar in texture and matching the exposure size as the originals.

C. COA-11-15: A request filed by Debbie Ludas for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Powell-Ludas House at 112 North Avenue to remove the brick boiler flue/”chimney”, to repair the doorway at the rear of the house on the western façade, to repair the roof with the same materials as currently on the house, and to repair the handrail and siding on the boiler room and porch. As the applicant, Debbie Ludas recused herself from the hearing. Agnes Wanman and Debbie Ludas were sworn in by the Chair. Agnes presented the application and staff report and submitted them into the record. Debbie clarified the need to do the work. After general discussion, Alexis Cooke moved that the request meets the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Tom Neal seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Alexis the moved that the request meets the Historic District Design Guidelines. Ann Welton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Alexis Cooke then moved to approve the COA with the condition given in the staff report. Ann Welton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The condition for COA-11-15 is:

- 1) Any necessary new materials to be used will match the original in material, design, and scale.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Parker Schlink gave the report. After accounting for \$0.20 interest for the month of November and one outstanding check to the Wake Forest Woman’s Club for \$8.96, our bank balance is \$4,547.03. The next CD to mature is scheduled to mature on February 2, 2012. The report was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on Ailey Young House:** Agnes Wanman reported that she still does not have the cost estimates for renovations but hopes to have them before long.
- B. Preparation for Historic Preservation Plan Public Meeting in January:** Glenn Harbeck gave a presentation on the plans for the meeting and the “Power of 10”. Power of 10 sheets were handed out so that HPC members could keep track of the people they talked with. Also, Agnes Wanman handed out invitation letters to the HPC members so that they could give a letter to each person they invited. Glenn will be back at our January meeting to finalize the plans for the public meeting the next evening.
- C. “This Place Matters” Campaign Up and Running!:** Agnes Wanman reported that the This Place Matters campaign is up and running. If anyone knows someone who plans to submit a photo, PLEASE tell Agnes. A reporter with the North Raleigh News wants to do an article and interview someone!
- D. Other:** None

NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Anderson House:** A couple HPC members have received complaints from neighbors about the Anderson House on North Main Street. Leaves were racked onto the sidewalk, obstructing pedestrians, stuff is being stored on the front porch, vehicles are being parked in the front and side yard rather than in the driveway or parking pad at the rear, and litter is being piled in the rear yard. Can something be done? Agnes Wanman will look into whether the residents are in violation of any ordinance, talk with town staff, and write a letter to the home owner.

- B. Other:** Other items discussed or mentioned were the use of plastic shutters and the possibility of Christmas decorations on the street in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Howard, Chairman

Agnes W. Wanman, Secretary