

RALEIGH HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2011 – 222 W. Hargett St., Room 305

I. CALL TO ORDER

Fred Belledin called the meeting to order at 7:36 AM. A quorum was declared after roll call.

A. Roll Call – Martha Lauer, Executive Director, called the roll as follows:

Present: Will Alphin; Fred Belledin; Jannette Coleridge-Taylor; Miranda Downer; Jane Forde; Kiernan McGorty; Scott Shackleton; Cecily Timmons; Flora Wadelington (7:42 AM); Barbara Wishy.

Excused: Michael Story.

Absent: Greg Hatem.

Others: Martha Lauer, Executive Director; Tania Tully, Preservation Planner; Russell Allen, City Manager; Dan Becker, Department of City Planning; Troy Burton, Parks and Recreation; Esther Hall, 340 Allister Drive, 27605; Curtis Kasefang, 519 Polk Street, 27604; John Hinshaw, 2011-201 Quaker Landing, 27603.

B. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Forde moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Shackleton seconded; motion carried 9/0.

C. Approval of the Minutes: Ms. Forde moved to approve the November minutes; Mr. Shackleton seconded; motion carried 9/0.

D. Mr. Belledin presented Mr. Dan Becker with a Resolution of Commendation and Appreciation in honor of his twenty-five years of service as Executive Director.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Monthly Report

B. Budget Transfer: Mr. Shackleton moved to approve the budget transfer as presented; Ms. Forde seconded; motion carried 10/0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pope House Statewide Significance Application: Ms. Lauer provided background for the commission's application for a determination of statewide significance for the Pope House; Mr. Russell Allen related the circumstances that led to the City acquiring the property in the public trust without encumbrances and requested that the commission withdraw the application without prejudice; Mr. Belledin opened the floor. Mr. Alphin requested confirmation that a determination of statewide significance would hinder relocation of the house; Ms. Tully stated that the determination would allow the COA Committee to prevent relocation. Ms. Wadelington asked Mr. Allen if there would be public meetings held should relocation of the house be considered; Mr. Allen responded yes. Ms. Wadelington asked what potential locations have been considered for relocation; Mr. Allen reported that there had been some discussion of moving the house in front of Memorial Auditorium as part of a proposed African American complex, but that discussions had ended there. Mr. Alphin asked if the relocation of the house would come before the COA Committee; Ms. Tully responded affirmatively, due to the property's Raleigh Historic Landmark designation. Mr. Belledin stated that his understanding was that if an application for a determination of statewide significance is withdrawn without prejudice, the NC SHPO will allow a resubmittal at a future time. Ms. Forde asked if there might be any reason why RHDC would resubmit; Mr. Belledin responded perhaps. Ms. Wishy stated that in response to the City Manager's request that the commission withdraw the application for a determination of statewide significance for the Dr. M.T. Pope House, and in consideration of the fact that the property was transferred to the City in the public trust and without

encumbrances, she moved that while the commission finds that the Pope House at its 501 S. Wilmington Street location meets the criteria for a determination of statewide significance, the commission request that the State Historic Preservation Office table the application at this time; Ms. McGorty seconded; motion carried 10/0.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 AM Mr. Shackleton moved to hold an executive session; Ms. Wishy seconded; motion carried 10/0. Ms. Forde moved to recuse Mr. Belledin based on a conflict of interest; Ms. Wishy seconded; motion carried 10/0. Executive Session. At 8:30 AM Mr. Alphin moved to readmit Mr. Belledin to the meeting; Ms. Timmons seconded; motion carried 9/0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2012 CLG Grant: The commission discussed potential CLG grant opportunities. Ms. Wishy moved that the commission explore the development of a 2013-2014 grant application for a study evaluating the economic and quality of life impacts within Raleigh Historic Overlay Districts; Ms. Coleridge-Taylor seconded; motion carried 10/0.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. S. Person/S. Blount HOD: At City Council's request, the commission will hold an additional public information meeting on January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined [the meeting has subsequently been scheduled to meet in Room 305]. Mr. Belledin requested that commissioner members make an effort to attend.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness Committee –Scott Shackleton
1. December 5, 2011 Meeting
- B. Research Committee – Barbara Wishy
1. Raleigh Historic Landmarks
2. 50th Anniversary: The local kit homes project looks promising.
- C. Community Awareness Committee – Jannette Coleridge-Taylor
1. New Website: Ms. Coleridge-Taylor made a motion to accept the new website; Ms. Forde seconded; motion carried 9/0. (Alphin, Belledin, Coleridge-Taylor, Downer, Forde, Shackleton, Timmons, Wadelington, Wishy)
2. 50th Anniversary: As her second official action, Mayor MacFarlane issued a proclamation declaring December 2011-December 2012 the RHDC 50th Anniversary Year. The printing of the 50th anniversary placards for the CAT buses is complete; Ms. Coleridge-Taylor made a motion to authorize up to \$50 in additional funds to print placards to be placed around the city and for archival purposes; Ms. Wishy made a friendly amendment to authorize up to \$100 for said purposes; Ms. Coleridge-Taylor accepted the amendment; Ms. Wishy seconded; motion carried 9/0. (Alphin, Belledin, Coleridge-Taylor, Downer, Forde, Shackleton, Timmons, Wadelington, Wishy)

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Monthly Staff Activities
B. Design Guidelines Update
C. New Retreat Date: February 27, 2012

IX. NEWS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: As listed in the agenda.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Fred Belledin, Chair
Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Martha Lauer, Executive Director
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