

Director's Report
June 10, 2002

A. Action Items.

1. At its May meeting, the Commission tabled its consideration of the prospective designation of the Douglas Airport Hangar for one month, so that discussions could occur between Airport officials and the HLC staff. Those discussions have not yet occurred. I am requesting that this item be tabled until the August meeting of the Commission.

B. Information Items.

1. The Executive Committee voted to reject the offer of the F.W.A. Group to purchase the Palmer Fire School property. This means that the Commission will need to consider spending money on essential repairs and maintenance and also consider how best to go about marketing the property.

2. The rezoning hearing on the Grier-Rea House lot will be heard by City Council on June 17, 2002. Bryan Turner and I have participated in two meetings with residents of the area to hear their concerns. A decision on this matter will occur in July. If the rezoning is approved, the Commission will have to meet a timetable for restoration which is part of the conditional zoning request.

3. Five joint public hearings with City Council will occur on June 17th. The Commission will present its recommendation on the prospective historic landmark designation for five properties. They are: Grier House, Grier-Rea House, D. A. Tompkins Machine Shop Building, Carolina Transfer and Storage Company Building, and Home Federal Savings and Loan Building.

4. The Commission's prospective purchase of the Southern Public Utilities Streetcar Barn will be presented to the County Commission in September. I will be meeting with Ron Tober and Peter Pappas on June 20th to discuss the issue.

5. The County Commission will be approving the operating budget for the HLC this month. I anticipate a reduction of approximately \$5000. This will reduce the amount of money that the Commission has used periodically to secure the services of an outside design specialist for advice on design review issues. No other components of the Commission's budget will be reduced.

6. The County will be purchasing a digital projector for the HLC. This will allow the Commission to present Power Point presentations hereafter. The County is also continuing to work on upgrading the computers for the Commission.

7. Jeff Bradsher and I met with officials of the Carolina Panthers to discuss the placement of the historic marker for the Good Samaritan Hospital. It was a productive meeting. The marker should be erected in the upcoming months.

8. The Town of Davidson has expressed an interest in having the HLC become more active in processing properties for historic landmark designation within its jurisdiction. I will be meeting with Warren Burgess, Davidson's Planning Director.

9. There is a study underway to consider the establishment of a rural historic district in the Ramah Community of Huntersville. This study will be presented to the HLC sometime within the next year, and the HLC will be asked to work with the Town of Huntersville to determine how best to administer the district.

Respectfully submitted.

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