



**Town of Cornelius
Historic Preservation Committee
"Preserving Our Heritage for Future Generations"**

**Agenda
September 14, 2017
6:00 PM
Cornelius Town Hall-Manager's Conference Room**

- I. Call To Order**
- II. Determination of Quorum**
- III. Citizen Concerns/Comments**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - A.** Approval of Minutes
- V. Old Business**
 - A.** Tawba Walk Booth and Walking Tour
 - B.** Trash or Treasure planning
- VI. New Business**
 - A.** Landmark's Commission update
- VII. Election Of Chair & Vice Chair**
- VIII. Announcements**
- IX. Adjournment**

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

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Date of Meeting: September 14, 2017

To: Historic Preservation Committee

From: Summer Smigelski, Planning Admin.

Action Requested:

Approval of Minutes

Manager's Recommendation:

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**Minutes
August 10th, 2017**

Members Present: Kathryn McClelland
Joe Purdy
David Stockwell
Jessica Boye
Alexandra Pizza
Julie Miller
Catherine Gautier

Members Absent: Matthew Reihl
Ron Potts

Staff Present: Will Washam, Senior Planner/Staff Liaison
Summer Smigelski, Secretary

Guests: Ralph Gettings, Beverly Peyton

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm and determined there was a quorum.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee unanimously approved the July 13th, 2017 minutes with corrections.

Motion: Approve, Moved by Kathryn McClelland, Seconded by Joe Purdy. Passed. 7-0. Committee Members voting Ayes: Jessica, Kathryn, Alexandra, Joe, David, Julie and Catherine

Introduction to CACC Executive Director

Chair Miller and the committee gave a brief overview of the historic resources in Old Town Cornelius.

Justin Dionne, the Executive Director of the Cornelius Arts and Community Center gave brief overview of his experience in Salisbury and an introduction to the planning process for the design of the Arts Center. Mr. Dionne explained each phase of the planning process.

Chair Miller invited Mr. Dionne to the “Tawba Walk” for a walking tour on September 16, 2017.



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Mr. Dionne will be present at the “Twaba Walk” to educate the community about the Art Center.

The committee explained the significance of the Cotton Gin to Mr. Dionne and why it is important to preserve the scales. They also stated that their main objective is to preserve as much as possible but they do recognize that sometimes compromises have to be made.

Mr. Dionne informed the Committee that the Art Center is still in the listening phase and informed them to get more involved by going to the input sessions.

Mr. Washam will email the approved presentation summary that was done last year to the committee.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission Update

Two properties in Cornelius were added to the Survey Committee’s “Study List”. The study list is basically the Survey Committee’s “good pile” of properties to consider recommending to the Landmarks commission for designation.

19721 South Ferry Street- Owners, Carrie Nelson and James E. Caldwell

- CMHLC Staff believes this is a great candidate for designation with ample historical significance.
- Staff would recommend that the CMHLC Pay for the survey and research report required for property designation.
- The only piece holding this property back right now is input from the current property owner
- CHMLC staff recommends that if the Cornelius HPC is interested in moving forward (and submits a request to CMHLC staff) then this property could potentially be put on the Survey committee’s agenda on September 4th to recommend the property to the Landmarks Commission to consider for designation.

19528 Meridian Street- Owners, Julie Miller, Joseph Miller

- CMHLC staff believes more research is needed on this property
- Basically a mini survey and research report that would help provide context to the entire neighborhood and how this property fits into that context relative to the other structures.

Tawba Walk Walking Tour

The committee briefly discussed the Twaba Walk. Each member will sign up for a time at the booth. The committee will continue the planning by email.

Trash or Treasure Planning

The Committee plans to conduct the annual Trash or Treasure event on September 23rd from 9am to 12pm. Experts have been confirmed for that day. Mr. Washam has taken care of the press release. The committee will continue the planning by email.



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Announcements

Chair Miller announced that she will need to step down as chair, she is going to be undertaken something in the next year that will require her focus. Ms. Miller does plan to stay an active Historic Preservation Committee Member.

Mr. Washam informed the committee that there will be an agenda item next month to elect a new chair. Once the chair is elected the committees recommendation will go before the Town Board to be accepted.

Alexandra Pizza announced she will be meeting with Lovenia Summerville on Friday July 14th, 2017. Ms. Summerbille is a long-time resident of Cornelius.

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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To: HPC Members

From: Will Washam - Senior Planner



Action Requested:

Review the Tawba Walk booth and walking tour schedule sheet

Manager's Recommendation:

Review the sign up sheet

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 Tawba_Walk_Schedule.xlsx	booth and walking tour sign up sheet	Backup Material

Facts Concerning Historic Landmarks Status

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission exists to recommend the designation of individually significant historic property. It derives its powers from North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.
- The essential test of whether property qualifies for historic landmark designation is whether it possesses individual historic significance. There is no specific age requirement.
- Owners of historic landmarks may apply for an automatic deferral of 50% of the local property (Ad Valorem) taxes on those portions of the property which have been designated as a historic landmark.
- Owners of a historic landmark must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Landmarks Commission before undertaking any material alterations to those portions of their property which have been designated as a historic landmark.
- The demolition of a historic landmark may be delayed for up to 365 days by the Historic Landmarks Commission and during this period the appropriate local governing board may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire the subject historic landmark.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission uses two principal tools to advance the preservation of designated historic landmarks. First, it exercises design review over intended material alterations to historic landmarks. Second, it acquires historic landmarks with the purpose of preserving the property.

HPC Tawba Walk Booth

Setup 12:30-2pm	Catherine Gautier Katherin McClelland
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2-4pm shift	Joe Purdy
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4-6pm shift	Ali Pizza
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6-8pm shift	Matt Reihl
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breakdown 8-8:30pm	????
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Walking tour 3pm	Kathryn McClelland Catherin Gautier
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Action Requested:

Review TOT planning progress

Manager's Recommendation:

continue planning

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The Cornelius Historic Preservation Committee is excited to present the 4th edition of "Trash or Treasure: What's in *Your* Attic?". The event will be held Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 9 AM until 12 PM.



Everyone has a special piece of history, perhaps handed down through generations. Join the Cornelius Historic Preservation Committee as experts inspect and discuss the significance of your ceramics, paintings, books, prints, toys, folk art, collectibles, furniture and more to help uncover the history and potential value. Is it trash or treasure?

Experts include:

Ali Pizza, Director of Preservation and Curator of Rare Books at Belmont Abbey College

Ali will help you figure out what to do with your large family bible sitting, your family archives, books, maps, and all things paper.

Lou Velasco, Bergen Pickers

Lou has an incredible knowledge in vintage toys, costume jewelry, comic books, military items, stamps, and more.

Mike Young, Lake Norman Coin Shop

Mike Young has been collecting coins for over 30 years and runs Lake Norman Coin Shop on W Catawba Ave. in Cornelius.

Tom Bowles

Tom is an expert in pottery/ceramics, folk art, furniture, carvings, and Local Southern Decorative Art.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Come share your story and learn about the past, no registration necessary!

Please note that no weapons of any kind allowed. Additional restrictions apply. Visit www.cornelius.org/ToT for more details. In case of rain, event will be held in the Community Hall.

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From: Will Washam - Senior Planner

Action Requested:

Hear update from CMHLC business that involves Cornelius properties

Manager's Recommendation:

Hear update

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