

RANDOLPH COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Asheboro Public Library
201 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC 27203

June 26, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Approve HLPC Meeting Minutes of February 28,2024
- III. New Business**
 - A. America 250 NC Randolph County Committee Discussion
 - B. Trinity Historical Marker Update
- IV. HLPC Updates & Announcements**
- V. Adjourn**

Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

201 Worth Street ♦ Asheboro, North Carolina 27203



February 28, 2024

The Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission (HLPC) met in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Asheboro Public Library at 201 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC, and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mac Whatley at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Chairman Mac Whatley, Ross Holt, Chip Womick, Lynn Qualls, Ryan Beeson, Warren Dixon, and Dan Warren. Bill Ivey, Robyn Hankins, and Hal Pugh were absent. Clerk to the HLPC Board Jenny Parks was also present.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Dixon, seconded by Qualls, the HLPC voted 7-0 to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023, meeting.

Approval of Appointment to the Commission

Chairman Whatley introduced Ryan Beeson and welcomed him to his first HLPC Meeting and had him recite his Oath of Office to the sworn in as a member of the HLPC.

Recommendation of Local Historic Landmark Designation of the Charles H. Phillips House, ca. 185-ca. 1890

Ross Holt gave highlights of the Charles H. Phillips House. The house was possibly built as early as 1850 and was where Dr. Charles Hoover Phillips resided. The house sits in an unincorporated community known as Fuller's Mill on a 21-acre tract. The current owners have renovated the house which is documented on their blog "Our Old House Adventure" (ouoldhouseenc.blogspot.com). If approved, this recommendation will go before the Randolph County Board of Commissioners in May 2024, at which time there will be another Public Hearing held.

The current owners Frederick and Amy Wang shared they purchased the property in 2015. Mrs. Wang said the house was not livable when they purchased it, and the septic system was bad. She and her husband have renovated the house since it was purchased.

Public Hearing

At 6:13 p.m., Chairman Whatley opened the public hearing and closed the public hearing after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Qualls, seconded by Warren, the HLPC voted 7-0, to approve the Resolution Recommending Local Historic Landmark Designation for the Charles H. Phillips House, ca. 1850-ca. 1890, as follows:

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION TO CHARLES H. PHILLIPS HOUSE, ca.1850-ca.1890

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WHEREAS, Chapter 160D, Article 9, Part 4 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the designation of local historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has appointed the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission, having the authority to exercise all powers and duties given it by the Randolph County Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission has taken into consideration all information contained in the Historic Landmark Designation Application for the Charles H. Phillips House, ca. 1850-ca. 1890, and its parcel; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, has been given the opportunity to review the Local Landmark Designation Report and has advised that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission will have sufficient evidence to prove that the Charles H. Phillips House and its parcel possess the requisite special character and integrity for designation as a local historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission conducted the required public hearing, having published legal notices with mailings to adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission finds that the Charles H. Phillips House, ca. 1850-ca. 1890 and its parcel, meets the following specific criteria outlined in the Ordinance establishing the Commission: (1) Its important architecture as an exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness, or overall quality of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship; (2) Its identification with persons who significantly contributed to the architectural, cultural, economic, historical, social or other aspect of the development of Randolph County; (4) Its distinctive theme, representing an architectural, cultural, economic, historic or other theme expressed through a distinctive area.

WHEREAS, the property is more specifically described as follows:

The Charles H. Phillips House is located on a 21.7 acre parcel at 1482 Fuller Mill Road, Thomasville, NC 27360, PIN 6793792220, Tabernacle Township, Randolph County, N.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 28th day of February, 2024, that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission approves the application for local landmark designation, and recommends to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the exterior of the Charles H. Phillips House, ca. 1850-ca. 1890, and its 21.7 acre parcel, be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Recommendation of Local Historic Landmark Designation of Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963

Mr. Holt shared a brief history of the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963, and said this building possesses the seven qualities of integrity – location, setting, feeling, association, design, materials, and workmanship – necessary for local historic landmark designation. If approved, this recommendation will be sent to the City of Asheboro for their consideration.

Al LaPrade, the current owner of this property, stated it has been recommended to him to convert this building into a hotel. There will be 39 rooms on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors.

Public Hearing

At 6: 35 p.m. Chairman Whatley opened the noticed public hearing and closed it after no one wished to speak.

On motion of Beeson, seconded by Warren, the HLCP voted 7-0, to approve the Resolution Recommending Local Historic Landmark Designation for the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963, as follows:

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION
RANDOLPH SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION BRANCH BANK, 1963**

WHEREAS, Chapter 160D, Article 9, Part 4 of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the designation of local historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has appointed the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission, having the authority to exercise all powers and duties given it by the Randolph County Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission has taken into consideration all information contained in the Historic Landmark Designation Application for the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, has been given the opportunity to review the Local Landmark Designation Report and has advised that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission will have sufficient evidence to prove that the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank possesses the requisite special character and integrity for designation as a local historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission conducted the required public hearing, having published legal notices with mailings to adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission finds that the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963, meets the following specific criteria outlined in the Ordinance establishing the Commission: (1) Critical part of the City of Asheboro's heritage by having value as an example of the cultural, historic and social heritage of City of Asheboro; (2) Its important architecture as an exemplification of an architectural type or style distinguished by innovation, rarity, uniqueness, or overall quality of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship; (3) Its distinctive theme, representing an architectural, cultural, economic, historic or other theme expressed through a distinctive building.

WHEREAS, the property is more specifically described as follows:

The Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank is located at 115 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, N.C., PIN 7751823582, Asheboro Township, Randolph County, N.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 28th day of February, 2024, that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission approves the application for local landmark designation, and recommends to Asheboro City Council that the exterior of the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963, and its parcel be designated as a Local Historic Landmark;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission recommends to Asheboro City Council that certain interior features of the Randolph Savings and Loan Association Branch Bank, 1963, be incorporated in the Local Historic Landmark designation, including: gray-veined white marble veneer

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on the lobby's north wall, the northwest stair and elevator tower vestibule's north and east walls, and the lobby stairwell walls; terrazzo floors throughout the building; concrete and steel lobby stair with terrazzo treads that rises around a faceted-concrete post to a central landing and continues to the second-floor mezzanine; stair and mezzanine railings with wood handrails and slender painted-steel balusters; pendant light fixtures with opaque white glass shades in the stairwell; single-leaf flat-panel wood corridor doors and chrome-finished hardware in the administrative suite on the first floor, and walnut paneled walls in three offices in this location; built-in closets, a bar, and a restroom between the executive and executive assistant's offices; aluminum mail chutes, aluminum-frame directory and fire extinguisher boxes, and aluminum-frame curtain walls in elevator vestibule; elevator door surrounds, call button plates, and floor location indicators; three six-foot-long steel-frame leather-upholstered benches in elevator vestibules; reinforced-concrete and steel stairs with wall-mounted wood handrails and railings with wood handrails and slender painted-steel balusters in both stair towers; unpainted taupe-brick walls; wood-paneled walls on upper floors; and the 1963 vault with solid exterior door and interior steel-bar door manufactured by Mosler Safe Company of New York, unpainted brick walls, and gray-and-white terrazzo floor.

America 250 NC

Chairman Whatley shared that the America 250 NC celebration will begin on April 12, 2024, with a focus on 2026. North Carolina will remember the 250th anniversary of the Revolution with activities across a multi-year celebration, that will continue through 2033 to reflect North Carolina's Revolutionary history.

Chairman Whatley stated that Randolph County has been asked to form a committee to celebrate this anniversary in the year 2029. Mr. Holt said the state is working on guidelines regarding this item and more information on this will follow as soon as it becomes available.

Trinity College Highway Marker Update

Mr. Holt said the Cultural Resources Department has recommended planning a marker resembling the State Highway marker. This marker is currently in production and has a 6-8 month turnaround time. The marker may be completed in May 2024. The NC Natural and Cultural Resources Department will help the HLPC coordinate with the Department of Transportation to place the marker when it arrives.

Chairman Whatley stated the HLPC may look at a marker program for the future in Randolph County.

Updates and Announcements

Mr. Holt shared Dr. Arwin Smallwood will be speaking on "North Carolina and its People on the Eve of and During the Revolution, 1765-1783," Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the Asheboro Library.

Mr. Holt said on March 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., the mother/daughter author duo will be speaking on tracing the North Carolina history of notorious pirate Jean Laffitte, who faked his death in battle and possibly lived out his life in Lincolnton, NC.

Mr. Dixon shared that the Liberty Heritage Museum is now open on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., or by appointment. If anyone would like a tour, please contact him.

Mr. Beeson will be speaking at the Hillsville History Club on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hillsville Community Center in Trinity and his presentation is titled “Revolutionary Randolph: Col. David Fanning and the War at Home.”

Ms. Qualls said there continues to be discussion of moving the train depot in Seagrove back to its original location.

Chairman Whatley stated the 1897 Franklinville steam engine would be brought back to Franklinville; and one of the original mills that is across from the Quick Check, would be preserved.

Chairman Whatley said the Sandy Creek Bridge should open in May 2024, which will complete the connection trail between Franklinville and Ramseur along the Deep River.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, on motion of Qualls, seconded by Holt, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

L. Mac Whatley, Chairman

Jenny Parks, Clerk to the HLPC



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June 7, 2024

TO: Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission Members
FROM: L. McKay Whatley, Jr., Chairman
RE: Meeting topic for June 26 – America 250 NC discussion

The commission will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2024, in the Asheboro Public Library Meeting Room.

The topic will be consideration of a request by the chairman to recommend to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the Landmark Commission be designated as the nucleus of an American 250 NC Randolph County Committee, along with key members of the Andrew Balfour Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the committee having authority to add members as the project develops.

America 250 is the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. America 250 NC is an initiative of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and is empowered to award grants to duly organized county committees for projects that commemorate the anniversary.

More about American 250 NC can be found at <https://america250nc.gov>.