

## **STAFF REPORT**

**DOCKET #** UDO-277

**STAFF:** David Reed

### **REQUEST**

Zoning text amendment proposed by the City-County Planning and Development Services staff revising Chapter B Article IV of the *Unified Development Ordinances* (UDO) to amend the Historic/Historic Overlay regulations to include additional small towns within Forsyth County's Historic Resource Commission (HRC) (UDO-277).

### **BACKGROUND**

An update to the Architectural Survey for properties in Forsyth County outside the City of Winston-Salem will be commencing soon. It is planned for the survey results to be published in a book that would complement *Winston-Salem's Architectural Heritage* by Heather Fearnbach recently published by the City.

While most of the small towns in the county have agreed to participate in the project, to be eligible to apply for matching grant funding from the State, each town that is not already a Certified Local Government (CLG) will need to become part of the County CLG. Currently, the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) are promoting the consolidation of individual Historic Resource Commissions in counties rather than each community having its own - this text amendment is consistent with that policy.

### **ANALYSIS**

UDO Chapter B Article 4-1 is proposed to be changed to add the towns of Bethania, Lewisville, Rural Hall, and Walkertown to the joint Historic Resources Commission, which already includes the town of Kernersville and the Village of Clemmons. The change to Article 4-2 would replace the current language in the Purpose section with language that is consistent with current state enabling legislation. Article 4-3 is proposed to be changed to update the makeup of the Commission to include representation from the new members, clarify the makeup of the membership, and clarify the term of office policies for members. Staff believes the proposed changes will help further the *Legacy* goals of promoting a robust county-wide historic preservation framework.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **APPROVAL**

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**CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES FOR UDO-277  
MAY 11, 2017**

David Reed presented the staff report.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

FOR: None

AGAINST: None

**WORK SESSION**

During discussion by the Planning Board, the following points were made:

Melynda Dunigan asked if other historic organizations in the area had been asked for their input. Staff responded that the individual historic groups had not been contacted, however discussions were held with each municipality and they are enthusiastically supportive of this.

MOTION: Clarence Lambe moved approval of the ordinance amendment.

SECOND: Brenda Smith

VOTE:

FOR: Melynda Dunigan, Jason Grubbs, Arnold King, Clarence Lambe, Chris Leak,  
Brenda Smith, Allan Younger

AGAINST: None

EXCUSED: None

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Director of Planning and Development Services