

**HUNTERSVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRE-MEETING MINUTES**

**August 3, 2015
5:45 p.m. – Town Hall**

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jill Swain; Commissioners Melinda Bales, Ron Julian, Rob Kidwell, Sarah McAulay, Jeff Neely and Danny Phillips.

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Town Manager Gerry Vincent, Finance Director Janet Stoner, Assistant to the Manager Bobby Williams, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Max Buchanan, Police Chief Cleveland Spruill, Town Attorney Bob Blythe, Planning Director Jack Simoneau, Town Clerk Janet Pierson.

Mayor Swain pointed out that this discussion is on the heels of the fact that Mecklenburg County decided to close the Waymer Center, which generated conversation about what's going on in that area.

Dr. Dan Morrill of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission reviewed plans for the Torrence Lytle School:

1. Remove asbestos and other environmental contaminants in all buildings.
2. Stabilize original building.
3. Place all buildings on the market for at least one year in hopes of attracting developers.
4. If no developer is forthcoming, HLC will demolish all buildings except original building and restore original building for resale.

Estimate for restoring original building and demolishing wing buildings and cafeteria: \$2,573,175

Total reimbursement to the Historic Landmarks Commission: \$2,711,030

Amount of land: 2.44 acres

Dr. Morrill suggested the Town could partner with the HLC and if interested in purchasing the property the HLC would be willing to work out staggered payment plan.

Commissioner McAulay suggested that the HLC move ahead with restoration of the original building without waiting a year, as outlined in No. 3 and that the HLC work with the Town Manager on an agreement that would give the Town the right of first refusal or some option to purchase the restored building.

Following further discussion, it was the general consensus of the Town Board to request the Town Manager to schedule a work session to discuss the Torrence Lytle School.

There being no further business, the pre-meeting was adjourned.