

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

Thursday, October 26, 1972

7:00 P. M.

Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church

Mr. Christopher opened the meeting at which 93 were in attendance. He explained that he had been asked to serve as temporary chairman. He introduced those on the podium with him -- Mrs. Peggy Daino, Mrs. Vallie Henderson, and Mr. Bob Hoadley.

Mr. Christopher referred to the vandalism to five homes in the neighborhood. He said that the Detective Division of the Raleigh Police Department is working with residents whose homes or cars were vandalized. Anyone having any information was asked to relay it to the Police Department.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Hoadley who pointed out the proposed expressway on a large map. He explained that it would be a huge scar in the Oakwood and Mordecai sections. He said he would be available to talk with anyone about the proposed freeway after the meeting.

Mr. Christopher introduced Randy Hester, Professor of Landscape Architecture at North Carolina State University who is active in Wake Environment. Mr. Hester read a statement which had been approved the night before by the Board of Wake Environment which supported the efforts of Oakwood residents to preserve their neighborhood. He said that the concerns of Wake Environment and the concerns of those striving for historic preservation of a neighborhood are the same.

Mr. Hester questioned the need of an expressway at all. He reported that Wake Environment called for a reevaluation of the entire thoroughfare plan three months ago. His group's coordinating council felt that if the plan were reevaluated, it would be concluded that there is no reason to have expressways if the beltline is completed. Wake Environment has called for a balanced transportation plan -- not just a thoroughfare plan. Wake Environment offers volunteer assistance in the form of its Transportation Task Force.

Mr. Christopher announced that Dr. Sara Lemmon has contacted WRAL-TV to plan a program for "Viewpoint." The program will be on Oakwood -- its historical preservation and restoration. The time of the program will be announced.

Mrs. Daino reported that a total of 1663 signatures have been obtained in two weeks. Property owners not living in Oakwood have not yet been contacted for signatures. She thanked everyone who had worked to get forms signed and those who had provided her with transportation. Mrs. Daino also expressed the opinion that it is our responsibility to preserve that which remains of historical value in Raleigh although it is not a great deal.

Mr. Christopher said that he, Mrs. Daino, Mrs. Henderson, and Mr. Hoadley had met with Mr. W. G. Mordecai, an attorney living in the neighborhood, who had drawn



up the articles of incorporation with them. He then presented the articles of incorporation as follows:

The name of the group shall be the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood.

Its objectives are: (1) To form a non-profit organization and (2) to engage in a program of planning and action designed for the development and preservation of Oakwood in the city of Raleigh.

The following by-laws have been established:

(1) The Society shall be able to purchase, lease, acquire, and hold real and personal property. Mr. Christopher explained that this might inspire questions from the group and that Mr. Mordecai had urged that this be included in the original incorporation papers. It will allow the Society to have bequests of property made to it.

(2) The Society shall be able to borrow money, solicit funds, and receive bequests for the purpose of restoring Oakwood.

(3) It cannot declare dividends.

(4) It cannot carry on any propaganda or interfere in any political campaign.

(5) All income earned must be distributed in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service. This would apply especially if the group were to dissolve.

(6) Membership in the Society is set up in the by-laws.

(7) Election of Directors is established by the by-laws.

(8) The Society reserves the right to alter or change these articles.

Mr. Christopher said that Mr. Mordecai had offered to be the incorporating agent for the Society without charge. Four individuals are required to incorporate. He asked permission for Mrs. Daino, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Hoadley, and himself to be named as the four incorporating individuals. Approval was granted by a show of hands.

Mr. Christopher also asked that these four be allowed to serve as a nominating committee and to name a slate of officers. He asked permission to appoint a committee to draft a formal charter and by-laws. This committee is to be separate from the



nominating committee. These committees will return to the group in two to two and one half weeks with their results. Those in attendance gave their approval by show of hands.

Mr. Christopher asked for permission to appoint a third committee -- one which would plan what action is to be taken. Plans must be drafted and groundwork laid for action; therefore, a temporary committee is needed. Permission was given by the group in attendance. In response to a question by Mr. Payne, Mr. Christopher said that the action committee would be temporary only and could not act, but only plan.

Concerning the question of whether we will have a public relations committee, Mr. Christopher replied that such a committee will be needed and that, in fact, 15 to 18 committees are needed to coordinate all activities of the Society.

Ron Ellis spoke, saying that everyone in political life who has been contacted seems to oppose the expressway. He raised the question of who it is who is pushing the building of the freeway so strongly. Mr. Ellis asked if we might not find out who desires the expressway. Mr. Christopher said that, hopefully, the Board of Directors will learn who is behind the push for the construction of the highway.

Frank Daino thanked those who had worked at North Hills and Cameron Village Shopping Centers obtaining signatures. Mr. Christopher said that residents would be notified of time and place of the next meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.



SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

Thursday, October 19, 1972

7:00 P. M.

Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church

Ames Christopher, acting Chairman, called the meeting to order. He thanked Reverend White for allowing the group the use of Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church and asked him to give the invocation.

Mr. Christopher introduced Al Adams who has been a leader in the preservation of Cameron Park as a residential neighborhood. Mr. Adams offered the Oakwood group the use of Cameron Park's incorporation papers and charter as a model for its own. He urged the group to become a legal entity.

Mr. Adams read a statement which he had prepared in the spring of 1972 in which he pointed out that the abuse of automobiles and destructive thoroughfares represent a threat to established neighborhoods. Wanton road building contributes to the ugliness of Raleigh. Our society is still committed to the car, Mr. Adams said; but the point is that the automobile must be contained and not allowed to dominate entire communities. The fact that an individual buys land several miles outside of Raleigh for development does not give him the authority to destroy neighborhoods in order to provide access to his proposed development.

Mr. Adams urged that Oakwood citizens join with people in Cameron Park and in other neighborhoods which are threatened by the thoroughfare plan. He pledged his support and that of other Cameron Park residents to the Oakwood effort. He also promised that, if elected to the State Senate, he would introduce legislation which would facilitate the preservation of established neighborhoods.

Mr. Christopher thanked Mr. Adams for his comments and said that Oakwood citizens would unite with Cameron Park residents in a joint effort save their neighborhoods. He then introduced those on the podium -- Mrs. Peggy Daino, Mrs. Vallie Henderson, and Bob Hoadley who were early organizers of the Oakwood Society. Mr. Christopher thanked all those who signed forms supporting preservation of Oakwood.

Mr. Christopher then introduced Dr. Sara Lemmon, Professor of History at Meredith College. Dr. Lemmon explained that the History and Sociology Departments at Meredith had been given a grant in the amount of \$3000 by the North Carolina Council for Continuing Education in the Humanities. The study will give the community perspective about itself. It will enable the community to see what good values and what esthetic values it possesses which should be preserved and how these worthwhile things might be applied to the future.

Dr. Lemmon said that Oakwood residents would be interviewed by Meredith students as part of the project. A history of the area will be made, as well as a study of its effort to renew itself. Dr. Lemmon expressed the hope that the study would be a factor in saving Oakwood.



Mr. Christopher summarized events of the past two and one half months which had led up to the meeting. In late summer, 18 Oakwood residents had met to consider forming an Oakwood Historical Society. A boom in sale of houses in the neighborhood was beginning. An October 5th announcement concerning revitalization of downtown Raleigh gave the North-South expressway top priority. The nucleus group, plus some other Oakwood residents then met to make plans for an Oakwood Society with an immediate aim of saving the neighborhood.

Bob Hoadley then explained the thoroughfare plan with the use of a large map. He pointed out that the plan would destroy a good portion of the city -- not only Oakwood. The expressway would adversely affect the Mordecai House. Mr. Hoadley said that the freeway had been designed to carry a very large amount of traffic and compared it to Downtown Boulevard. He emphasized that we must arrive at an alternative in order to preserve the area.

Mr. Christopher also felt that we must devise an alternative and a plan of action. He said that it was urgent that Oakwood join with other neighborhoods which are threatened, such as the Oberlin Road, Clark Avenue, and Cameron Park groups. He also stressed that we must join Wake Environment. Mr. Christopher expressed the hope that home owners would take individual action to enhance their properties and that those planning to sell would sell to responsible individuals interested in restoring. He then opened the meeting for questions.

Mrs. Corinne Glenn asked why owners of homes which would not actually be demolished should be involved in the effort to save the area. Mr. Christopher answered that all homes would be affected adversely. Living on a public thoroughfare would be undesirable; and if the proposed plan is carried out, what remains of Oakwood would become a slum within a decade.

Edwin Giles of 705 N. East Street spoke concerning the vote on change in the City Charter. He felt that ward representation would benefit the neighborhood and urged residents to support the Charter change.

Mr. Hoadley said that the group, being so young, probably could not take such a stand. He pointed out that the Oakwood Society was not yet even incorporated. Mrs. Daino offered the same opinion.

Bruce Payne of 408 Polk Street spoke, saying that the first alternative should be no road at all. He questioned whether another highway is the answer to revitalization of central Raleigh. He said that the theory that huge expenditures of public funds will cause private investment to follow, as a rule, does not work. Urban renewal has largely been a failure across the nation. The few such renewals that do succeed are those carried out by citizens themselves such as that being manifested in Oakwood -- with private funds and by people who can afford to maintain homes. Saving motorists two or three minutes a day is not justification for building the expressway.

A possible help, Mr. Payne suggested, would be removing parking from the two-way streets in the area. He urged that Oakwood residents not agree that a road is even needed.



In reply to a question as to whether any consideration had been given to ramping traffic over Downtown Boulevard, Mr. Hoadley said that a great deal of talk abounds that the entire thoroughfare plan needs to be reworked.

Harold Whims suggested that we might preface any suggested alternate plan with the words, "we do not need an expressway ...".

Mr. Giles pointed out that in 1967 when the original thoroughfare plan was drawn up, it was felt that Oakwood was on its way to becoming a slum. He urged that a committee be appointed to study what the city is doing -- a watchdog committee to see that the city makes use of only the most up-to-date information in doing its planning. He also expressed the hope that the beltline would soon be completed, thereby placing Oakwood in a better position to halt building of the expressway. He proposed that we find out with whom we must deal within in city government. Mr. Christopher agreed that such a committee is needed.

Mr. Christopher announced that we have obtained 1034 signatures although forms were printed only one week ago. One hundred fourteen signatures have come from homeowners in Oakwood; 154, from people living in Oakwood but not owning their homes; 534 from other parts of Raleigh; and 232 from out of town. Sixty four forms printed in the Raleigh paper were returned by mail.

Mr. Christopher felt that he was accurate in sensing that the group favored the effort to save Oakwood. He asked if those in attendance would allow Mrs. Daino, Mrs. Henderson, Mr. Hoadley, and himself to investigate the drafting of a charter and by-laws which will be necessary. He added that this must be done immediately. The group agreed to allow the four above named to draft a charter. Reverend White gave permission for the group to meet in the church on the night of October 26th.

Mr. Christopher said that no action will be taken until by-laws are presented to the group. He asked that those in attendance think about what the plan of action should be and what committees must be formed to carry out the action. He recognized Mrs. J. Ward Purrington who was in attendance. The meeting which was attended by about 140 was then adjourned.



## General Meeting

### SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

7:00 P. M.

Saturday, November 11, 1972  
Fuller Mission Baptist Church  
800 North Bloodworth Street

Acting Chairman Mr. Christopher called the meeting to order and, in the absence of Reverend Bashford, gave an invocation. About 80 were in attendance. Mr. Christopher noted that Mordecai residents had met the preceding night to organize in a manner similar to Oakwood and to become chartered.

Chairman Christopher reviewed action taken at the Society's last meeting on October 26 at which time permission had been given for three committees to be formed. These were the Action Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and the Nominating Committee. The charter drawn up by the Bylaws Committee has been accepted and filed in the Secretary of State's office and returned to attorney G. W. Mordecai. Papers for the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood have also been filed at the Wake County Courthouse as a non-profit corporation.

Mr. Christopher explained that the purposes of the meeting were to adopt bylaws and to elect officers and a Board of Directors. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Payne, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

#### I. Adoption of Bylaws

Mr. Payne explained that he would read each article and then ask for motions to amend. He said that he would be glad to answer questions and to consider stylistic changes which might be needed. He asked those in attendance to make a change in the Bylaws given them, changing the date for acceptance as a charter member from November 8 to November 11 under Article III.

Mr. Payne said that, under Article III concerning membership, regular membership is for residents of Oakwood and only regular members shall have the right to vote and to hold office. Mr. Christopher objected to these limitations and expressed the view that associate members should also be allowed to vote. He pointed out that there are a large number of non-resident home owners and others who have been interested enough to sign forms and to attend the Society's meetings. These people who could assist us should be a voting part of our group.

Mr. Payne recognized that many felt that it was unwise to limit voting to residents only, but he said that the general consensus of those on the Bylaws Committee was that voting should be restricted to resident property owners only. He said that his Committee had considered the fact that, when appearing before City Council and at other public hearings, the Society will have to know exactly who and how many it represents.



In reply to Mr. Giles' question as to how non-resident property owners were to be categorized, Mr. Payne said that they were to be included as non-voting members. He said that there was some feeling in the neighborhood against absentee landlords who have taken no interest in the area for years. Mr. Caligari spoke, saying that if non-resident owners are barred from voting, they may tend to rent their properties to undesirable people. Mr. Gatling expressed the opinion that the more people we represent, the stronger our cause will be, particularly at hearings. Mrs. Daino felt that voting privileges should not be given to everyone who owns property in Oakwood. She pointed out that there are irresponsible non-resident owners and cited the case of a non-resident owner who is currently seeking to open a beer tavern in the area.

Mr. Giles then suggested that the Society include non-resident owners as regular members with voting privileges, but provide a means of expelling those who prove undesirable. He felt we should welcome people falling into this category and make them members at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Mr. Payne said that an expulsion clause saps the energy of any group. He pointed out that the individuals about whom we were talking represent a minority group anyway. He agreed with Mr. Gatling that we must represent as many people as possible. He entertained a motion by Mr. Christopher that associate members be able to vote and to hold office. Mr. Christopher said that the only difference would be that associate members would have to go before the Board of Directors to be granted membership.

Mr. Caligari pointed out that we have not defined who associate members are. Mr. Giles moved that non-resident property owners be included and considered associate members.

Mr. Hoadley asked that caution be used in granting the right to vote. One of his concerns about Oakwood is that the freeway may possibly benefit those who own property adjoining it. These people, if permitted to vote, could possibly gain control of our governing body. Although the chance is small, they could even become members of the Board. He felt this would be a disastrous mistake. He said, however, that there are some non-resident owners who can be of great value as associate members. They can serve through committee assignments. Mr. Hoadley said that we must realize that we will have enemies. Some will be public and some will be unknown, but they will both stand to gain if the freeway is built.

Mr. Christopher said he felt that we would alienate many people by excluding them. He stressed that we must represent a large number of people when we attend public hearings.

Mr. Glenn spoke, saying that his experience of having next door neighbors who rent from irresponsible non-residents had been very disillusioning. He favored withholding the vote from non-resident owners.

Miss Rosenberg said non-resident owners should be made to come before the scrutiny of the Board before being granted regular membership.

Mrs. Daino said that we should remain true to our original purposes -- those of historic preservation -- and limit the right to vote to those who actually live in Oakwood.



Mrs. Whims asked whether she and her husband, who are non-resident owners, would be permitted to vote on the question. Mr. Payne replied that all who were present could vote as the bylaws had not yet been approved.

Mr. Whims felt that we need the help of everyone willing to help us. He urged that we not exclude anyone who has shown interest. Mr. Poe expressed agreement with this view. He felt that the Board would have good control over who is accepted for membership. Mr. Arthur pointed out, however, that a few realtors could control an entire neighborhood.

Returning to motions made by Mr. Christopher and Mr. Giles and considering changes that had been suggested during the discussion, Mr. Payne asked for a vote on the question. He phrased the question thus: Shall non-resident property owners be given the right to vote and to hold office?"

By hand count, the group voted to grant non-resident property owners the right to vote and to hold office. Regular membership will be granted to any resident or any property owner by the Board. Mr. Payne said that Item 2, Under Article III, is to read, "Regular membership shall be granted by the Board of Directors to any resident or property owner of Oakwood."

Mr. Payne then asked whether we should consider an amendment to Item 5, under Article III, so that it will read, "associate members shall vote, but not hold office." He called for a vote on this. By show of hands, associate members were granted the right to vote.

Mr. Giles asked for clarification of the words, "may" and "shall." Mr. Payne explained that it was definite to use the word, "shall." Mr. Hoadley moved that we strike the word, "shall" and insert the word, "may" in its place in Item 3 under Article III. He said that by making this change, we give the Board the discretion to admit individuals to our Society. He felt that if we grant anyone membership automatically, we will find ourselves in trouble.

In reply to Mr. Caligari's question as to whether we had not just voted on this, Mr. Payne replied that the issue of discretion was not clear. Mr. Giles expressed the opinion that undesirable people would not be able to muster enough votes or even to be nominated for office in the Society. He felt we had built-in checks and balances to prevent this.

Mr. Payne asked for a vote on changing the wording of Item 3 under Article III from "shall" to "may." It was voted to change the wording from "shall" to "may." Mr. Emmet moved that the wording be changed to read, "at the discretion of the Board of Directors." Mr. Payne accepted this as a stylistic change. Final wording of Article III, Item 3 is:

Associate membership may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Directors to any other person who desires to join this Society.



Mr. Christopher asked whether those who had signed forms are not now members. Mr. Payne replied that they are not and that they must come before the Board before being accepted.

Under Article IV, concerning the matter of annual meetings of the Society, Mr. Arthur suggested that a certain length of time in advance be stipulated for notifying members. He suggested two weeks in advance. Mr. Giles suggested that it read "at least two weeks prior to the meeting." This amendment was accepted by voice vote. Item 2, Article IV then read:

The time and place of the annual meeting shall be announced in the Society's newsletter at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

There followed a discussion of the meaning of the word, "majority" in Item 2 under Article V. Mr. Payne felt that the Board should be able to meet without a quorum. He said that a quorum would consist of at least seven members. Mr. Christopher moved that a quorum of at least seven must be present to hold a Board meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

It was suggested that a majority, including at least five members, must approve all expenditures. Mr. Giles objected, saying that five does not represent enough of the membership of the Board. Mr. Payne felt that most expenditures would be minor. He phrased the question for the vote thus: "Shall Item 2 under Article V read A majority of the board, including at least five members, must approve all expenditures, but never in excess of available funds." It was voted that Item 2 so read.

Mr. Payne explained that at the outset, the Board will have four Directors who serve only one year. After that, staggered terms of two years will be served by Directors. No officer shall hold more than one position.

Mr. Giles suggested adding an item (Item 8) under Article VI concerning voting by absentee ballot for those who cannot attend the annual meeting. It was agreed to add another item which reads:

Any voting member who cannot attend the meeting can vote by notarized ballot.

Mr. Payne said that members would receive nominations along with notification of time of the meeting at least two weeks in advance. Absentee ballots must be received by the Secretary by the day of the annual meeting. We will accept nominations from the floor at the time of the meeting and write-ins on absentee ballots.

Mrs. Groves asked if membership dues were to be set. Mr. Payne replied that no dues had been set, and he hoped that the organization could exist on donations alone.



Mr. Giles suggested an insertion under Article VIII so that it would read, "The chairman, with approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint and dismiss committees and their chairmen in order to further the purposes of this Society," the insertion being the words, "and dismiss." Mr. Payne accepted this as a stylistic change. It was also agreed that the word, "sex" be added to the wording of Article X so that it would read: This Society shall be non-partisan and non-sectarian, and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, or sex.

The Bylaws were approved as amended by a voice vote.

## II. Election of Officers

Acting Chairman Christopher explained that each nominee would be taken up separately and that each would be asked to stand. Those chosen by the Nominating Committee and their various offices were:

Chairman -- Robert Hoadley  
Vice Chairman -- Eric Ennis  
Secretary-Treasurer -- Nancy Poe  
Historian -- Vallie Henderson

Board of Directors  
Jimmie Stronach  
Mrs. J. H. Lassiter  
Mrs. William C. Gatling  
Harold Whims  
Jerry Glenn  
Mrs. Frank Daino  
Mrs. C. L. Adams  
Stuart Woodard  
Ames Christopher

Mr. Payne moved that Mr. Hoadley be elected as Chairman by acclamation. Mr. Hoadley was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Christopher asked if there were additional nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Giles nominated Mr. Payne. The nomination was seconded by Mrs. Groves. Mr. Payne was elected.

Mrs. Nancy Poe was elected by acclamation to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Mrs. Vallie Henderson was elected by acclamation to the office of Historian.

The meeting was then turned over to new Chairman, Mr. Hoadley. Chairman Hoadley thanked Mr. Christopher for serving as temporary chairman.



Mr. Payne explained that in electing Board members, each position would be considered a separate office in order to avoid having to use paper ballots.

The following were elected by acclamation: Mr. C. L. Adams, Ames Christopher, Mrs. Peggy Daino, Mrs. Elizabeth Gatling, Jerry Glenn, Mrs. Madge Lassiter, Jim Stronach.

Mr. Makepeace's name was placed in nomination in addition to that of Mr. Whims. Mr. Makepeace was elected by a vote of 27 to 22.

In addition to Stuart Woodard, the names of Harold Whims and Ron Ellis were placed in nomination. Mr. Whims was elected.

### III. Report on the Action Committee by Chairman Eric Ennis

Chairman Ennis said that the members of his committee had been Bob Hoadley, Jim Stronach, and Harold Whims. He said that the ideas that he would offer were strictly proposals. He hoped for full participation on committees which were accepted. The following committees were presented:

1. Publicity Committee
2. Membership Committee
3. Watchdog Committee. The purpose of this committee would be to oversee what the City is doing that would affect Oakwood.
4. Telephone and Canvass Committee. This was suggested because there is strong feeling in the community that everyone in Oakwood should be kept informed. The idea was also suggested that block chairmen be arranged for so that news of quickly-called meetings or emergencies could be communicated.
5. Liaison Committee. This was described as opposite of the Watchdog Committee. It will seek to keep Oakwood informed of what other groups, such as the Mordecai group, are doing.
6. Presentation and Special Events Committee. This was suggested because we will have to present ourselves to others and because we will have special events from time to time.
7. Fund Raising Committee.
8. Newsletter Committee.
9. Neighborhood Facts Committee. This is to function, not in conflict to, but along with the Historian. Facts pertinent to the neighborhood and its history will be assembled.



10. Action Committee. This is needed to continue to re-examine problems and to suggest other committees that may be needed.

Mr. Ennis then distributed sheets on which members could sign up for committees on which they wished to serve. In answer to Mrs. Groves' question, Mr. Payne said individuals might sign up for more than one committee.

Mr. Payne moved that the Board of Directors be urged to take all possible action to halt the expressway. Mr. Christopher amended the motion, adding the word, "immediately." The motion was passed as amended.

Mr. Payne moved that the Board be asked to consider whether the restoration of Oakwood might not be included as part of the downtown revitalization plan. The motion passed.

Chairman Hoadley announced that a public hearing on the revitalization plan would be held November 20 at Memorial Auditorium. He urged good attendance at this hearing by Oakwood residents. In response to a question as to when the next meeting would be held, Mr. Hoadley said that members would be advised through the newsletter, but that basically the audience had given power to the Board and to committees to carry on work of the Society through their meetings.

The meeting was then adjourned.



# SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

## ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

11/11/72

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
CHAIRMAN	Robert A. Hoadley 409 Polk Street	1 yr	833-0947
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Bruce L. Payne 408 Polk Street	1 yr	832-4837
SECRETARY TREASURER	Mrs. K. Barry Poe (Nancy) 318 Boundary Street	1 yr	755-0619
HISTORIAN	Mrs. Archie F. Henderson (Vallie) 530 Oakwood Avenue	1 yr	832-3336
DIRECTORS	Mrs. Duna Adams 315 E. Lane Street	2 yrs	829-0679
	W. Ames Christopher 408 Elm Street	2 yrs	834-3392
	Mrs. Frank Daino (Peggy) 500 Polk Street	2 yrs	832-4201
	Mrs. William C. Gatling (Elizabeth) 504 E. Jones Street	2 yrs	832-3280
	Jerry N. Glenn 501 Polk Street	1 yr	828-1105 787-6581
	Mrs. James H. Lassiter (Madge) 522 Oakwood Avenue	1 yr	833-0963
	William F. Makepeace 409 Polk Street	2 yrs	834-5644
	James N. Stronach 414 N. Bloodworth Street	1 yr	832-5426
	Harold C. Whims Croom Court, Chapel Hill 325 Polk Street (Owner)	1 yr	832-4363 (Raleigh) 942-3342 (Ch. Hill)



Board of Directors Meeting  
SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

3:00 P. M.  
Sunday, November 12, 1972  
409 Polk Street

Present:

Bob Hoadley	Ames Christopher	Mrs. Madge Lassiter
Bruce Payne	Mrs. Peggy Daino	Bill Makepeace
Mrs. Vallie Henderson	Mrs. William Gatling	Harold Whims
Mrs. Duna Adams	Jerry Glenn	Mrs. Nancy Poe
		Mrs. Passmore (observer)

Chairman Hoadley called the meeting to order. He announced that Mr. Stronach could not be present. He urged that, in spite of differing viewpoints, all members work together for the preservation of the neighborhood. He introduced Mrs. Passmore as an observer.

As a matter of policy, Mr. Hoadley felt that Board meetings should be open to observers with the possible exception of meetings at which we will deal with city government. Mrs. Lassiter moved that this be made a policy of the Board of Directors. The motion carried. Mr. Hoadley called for temporary approval of the minutes of the Society's first two meetings. Each Board member was instructed to read these minutes at home.

I. Members of the Board of Directors and Officers

Mr. Hoadley read names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Board members and officers as follows:

Chairman -- Robert Hoadley  
409 Polk St.  
833-0947

Vice Chairman -- Bruce L. Payne  
408 Polk St.  
832-4837

Secretary-Treasurer -- Mrs. K. Barry Poe (Nancy W.)  
318 North Boundary St.  
755-0619

Historian -- Mrs. Archie Henderson (Vallie)  
530 Oakwood Avenue  
832-3336

Board Members

(1) Mrs. C. L. Adams (Duna)  
315 E. Lane St.  
829-0679



- (2) W. Ames Christopher  
408 Elm St.  
834-3392
  - (3) Mrs. Frank Daino (Peggy)  
500 Polk St.  
832-4201
  - (4) Mrs. William C. Gatling (Elizabeth)  
504 E. Jones St.  
832-3280
  - (5) Jerry N. Glenn  
501 Polk St.  
828-1105
  - (6) Mrs. James H. Lassiter (Madge)  
522 Oakwood Avenue  
833-0963
  - (7) William F. Makepeace  
409 Polk St.  
834-5644
  - (8) James N. Stronach  
414 N. Bloodworth St.  
832-5426
  - (9) Harold C. Whims  
Croom Court  
Chapel Hill  
942-3342
- 325 Polk St. (Raleigh home)  
832-4363 (Raleigh business)

Mr. Hoadley said that, according to the Bylaws approved the preceding night, we must determine which Board members will serve for one year only. Mrs. Poe selected these by drawing four names from a box containing all Directors' names. Mr. Glenn, Mrs. Lassiter, Mr. Stronach, and Mr. Whims were chosen to serve only one year.

Mr. Hoadley said that this does not mean that these individuals cannot run again for election to the Board following their one-year terms.

## II. Membership in the Society

Chairman Hoadley said that considerable effort had been expended in obtaining signatures of people living both within and outside of Oakwood. They must now come before the Board for acceptance or rejection as members of the Society.



He entertained the idea of a motion that we compile a list of members from these signed forms and determine who shall be accepted and on what sort of a membership.

Mr. Christopher raised the question as to whether this should go to the Membership Committee. Mr. Payne suggested that we make this committee secondary to the Board in determining who should and who should not be accepted for membership. It was moved and seconded that we begin with this method. The motion passed.

### III. Time and Place for Future Board Meetings

Following was a discussion concerning when and where future Board meetings would be held. Mr. Makepeace suggested a monthly meeting. The general concensus was that Tuesdays and Thursdays were best days for most people. Mr. Payne moved that the first Tuesday in each month at 7:00 P. M. be set aside as a meeting time. The motion passed. Board members are to be notified before each meeting.

Mrs. Adams felt that meeting at different homes would be more desirable than meeting in the same place each time. Motion was made and passed that the Board meet at different homes on a rotating basis. Mr. Hoadley asked that anyone volunteering his home for the meeting contact him in advance. Mr. Payne offered the use of his home at 408 Polk St. for the December meeting.

Following was a discussion as to whether the time for the January meeting should be changed as the first Tuesday in that month is the day after New Year's Day. It was agreed that the Board would meet on the second Tuesday in January -- January 9.

### IV. Committees

Mr. Hoadley said that the Action Committee had recommended that we form ten committees. Since the work will be done through the efforts of volunteers, we must find people who are interested in particular phases of the work before naming committee chairmen. He, therefore, postponed the appointment of committee chairmen with the exception of that of the Action Committee. Mr. Ennis had done a fine job as acting chairman of this committee. He asked for permission to appoint Mr. Ennis as Chairman of the Action Committee with Mr. Whims, Mrs. Daino, and Mr. Makepeace as members. Permission was granted.

### V. Council Meeting on November 20

Chairman Hoadley announced that City Council would hold a public hearing on the revitalization of downtown Raleigh on November 20. During the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, only the Raleigh Central Area Plan can be discussed. We have arranged for time to speak during this portion and during the part of the meeting set aside for Requests and Petitions of Citizens. During the latter portion we can talk about whatever we want.



In response to a question by Mr. Payne, Mr. Christopher said that this is the only hearing scheduled as of now concerning the Raleigh Central Area Plan.

Mr. Hoadley said that we will request that Oakwood be made a part of the Greater Raleigh Central Area Plan. Mr. Payne will speak on this. Mr. Payne expressed the feeling that we must be well prepared. He urged that we put together a statement that points out approval given by Council in the past concerning Oakwood renewal. He felt that we should have a prepared statement to give to the press.

Mr. Hoadley said that he felt that as Chairman of the Society, he should make the statement opposing the expressway. This would give one statement in the minutes of the Council meeting which would oppose the freeway. This statement would be made during the time reserved for Requests and Petitions of Citizens. The Board gave its permission for Mr. Hoadley to be spokesman.

Chairman Hoadley noted that the City does produce minutes of Council meetings, but they are not always satisfactory; however, we can obtain tapes of the meeting.

Mr. Payne asked for suggestions from the Board that would help him in preparing his talk at the hearing. Mr. Hoadley felt that the best approach is pointing out that which has already been done in Oakwood and stressing that is being done with private funds.

#### VI. Historical Record

Mr. Hoadley presented Mrs. Henderson a copy of the Bylaws which were presented the previous night. These are to be placed in the Historian's files as an historic record.

#### VII. Finances

Chairman Hoadley expressed the view that donations will be welcome and that all expenses incurred by individuals up to the present will be considered donations. He presented the Secretary-Treasurer with a check for \$25.00, mainly because the Society has a bill to pay for copying service. He explained that Dr. David Hill of Multiple Image Copy Center printed 300 copies of the Bylaws. This work should have cost \$21.50, but Dr. Hill printed 200 copies free of charge, leaving the Society a small bill to pay.

Mr. Christopher reported that he expected to receive a bill from Mr. Mordecai for recording the papers of incorporation with Wake County. Fee for filing with the Secretary of State was \$20.00 which has been paid by Mr. Christopher.

Mr. Hoadley told of a suggestion that we make a donation to each of the churches where we had held meetings. He asked for opinions of the Directors on what amount should be donated, noting that money originally allocated for joining Wake Environment could be used for this.



Mr. Christopher moved that \$25.00 be given to each church as soon as we have necessary funds, the money to go into the building funds of the churches.

Mr. Whims questioned whether it might not be presumptuous of us to stipulate how the money should be used. He amended the motion to this effect. The motion was passed that the Society give \$25.00 to each church when necessary funds are available.

Mr. Payne moved that the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to spend no more than \$25.00 for necessary supplies. Mr. Hoadley included this in a motion to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to open a checking account and to buy necessary supplies not to exceed a cost of \$25.00. The motion passed.

Mr. Hoadley noted that Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood is unwieldly for writing on a check. He asked if "Historic Oakwood" would be an acceptable abbreviation in making out checks. The Board agreed that it would be acceptable. Mr. Christopher suggested that the Society needs letterhead stationery. Mr. Glenn said that his wife would volunteer her services and talents in designing a letterhead. Mr. Payne moved that the expenditure of funds be authorized for such stationery. The motion passed.

Mr. Whims suggested that Multiple Image Copy Service might be able to print the stationery. Chairman Hoadley said that owner of the copy service, Dr. Hill, had volunteered to do work free of charge, but Mr. Hoadley feels we should become self supporting. Mr. Payne suggested that we might consider accepting such offers because some individuals want to contribute, but cannot afford to give funds, but service instead. These people may be able to use this as a tax deduction as well.

#### VIII. Wake Environment

Mr. Hoadley gave a brief description of how Wake Environment began and of how it is a coalition of six organizations. Wake Environment is a new group which keeps track of how the environment is being used or abused. There is no charge for an organization to become affiliated with Wake Environment. Mr. Payne moved that the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood join Wake Environment as a civic organization and, therefore, without a membership fee. Mrs. Henderson seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mrs. Poe asked if Historic Oakwood should suggest to its members that they join Wake Environment as individuals since it will receive no membership fee from us as a group. Mr. Christopher asked if we could permit Wake Environment to send literature to our members soliciting memberships. Mr. Payne moved that we allow Wake Environment to mail such literature to our Society's membership.

#### IX. Denial of ABC License

Mrs. Henderson said that several Oakwood residents would attend a hearing of the ABC Board on November 13 to seek the denial of a license for Bill's Grill,



She moved that the Society make a formal statement opposing the granting of this license. The motion passed. The meeting was then adjourned.



SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC OAKWOOD

Board of Directors' Meeting  
408 Polk Street  
7:00 P. M.  
December 7, 1972

Present:

Robert Hoadley	Mrs. Peggy Daino	Mrs. Ruth Stokes (Observer)
Bruce Payne	Mrs. Elizabeth Gatling	Tim Stokes (Observer)
Mrs. Vallie Henderson	Jerry Glenn	Mrs. Nancy Creighton Poe
Mrs. Duna Adams	Mrs. Madge Lassiter	
W. Ames Christopher	William Makepeace	

I. Minutes from October Meeting and Papers of Incorporation

Chairman opened the meeting by asking if there were corrections to the October Board meeting minutes. Mr. Payne said that on page two of the minutes, the phrase, "two-way streets" should read, "two one-way streets." The minutes were so amended.

Mr. Hoadley said that the incorporation fee of \$6.00 had been donated by the incorporating attorney, Mr. Mordecai. Mr. Hoadley presented a copy of the incorporation papers to Mrs. Henderson as an historic record and the original papers to Mrs. Poe.

II. Denial of ABC License

Mr. Hoadley reported that the following statement was presented by Historic Oakwood in opposition to the issuance of an ABC license to Bill's Grill at a hearing of the ABC Board on November 13, 1972:

On November 12, 1972 the Board of Directors of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood passed a resolution opposing the issuance of a beer and wine license to Bill's Grill in the 200 block of North Bloodworth Street, on the grounds that the issuance of such a license would be contrary to our stated purpose "to protect Oakwood from any decisions or acts of public officials or private persons which would threaten the residential and historic character of the neighborhood."

Signed  
Robert A. Hoadley, Chairman

Chairman Hoadley said that the license had been denied and that the owner cannot make another request for an ABC license for one year. It is his understanding that the tavern is now closed.



III. November 20 Meeting of City Council

Mr. Hoadley noted that at its November 20 meeting, City Council had adopted the Greater Raleigh Central Area Plan, but with the exclusion of the North-South Expressway. He read the portion of the minutes produced by the City concerning this decision as follows:

Mayor Bradshaw told the audience that the Council is keenly interested in protecting and upgrading the heart of Raleigh, and the hearing was for consideration of the plan, that the North-South Expressway is not a part of the plan and right now the line is only a line on a map.

After hearing remarks by the Mayor concerning the revitalization plan, North-South Freeway, plans for restudying the thoroughfare plan and developing plans for a mass transit study, and remarks from other Council members, Mr. Shoffner moved that the Greater Central Area Plan be approved excluding the North-South Expressway, and that a five-member Civic Center Authority be appointed. His motion was seconded by Mr. Lightner and passed with members voting: Ayes, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Lightner, Mr. Sanderson, Mr. Shoffner, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Bradshaw. Noes, none. The audience was assured the Council will not be taking any position on the North-South Expressway until it is determined if the thoroughfare plan can be updated, and that many hearings will be held on the proposal before it is completed.

Mr. Hoadley said that he had copies of the statements presented by Mr. Payne and himself at the hearing and that they would be available for anyone to read. He read the portion of the minutes from the hearing which concerned these statements as follows:

Robert Hoadley, a resident and property owner of Oakwood, and representative of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, read a prepared statement, in brief stating that Oakwood has been undergoing a revitalization and historic restoration program of its own which is taking place with private funds. He noted that the Greater Raleigh Central Area Plan states that residential development provides an effective means toward maintaining a thriving atmosphere in the downtown area and that valuable historic buildings should be incorporated in revitalizing development to further enrich the downtown environment. He stated that Oakwood has the qualifications of both a downtown residential neighborhood and historic significance and urged that the Council consider and recommend that the efforts being made to revitalize Oakwood be commended and included in the Greater Raleigh Central Area Plan.



At this time Bruce Payne, vice chairman of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, who according to the agenda was scheduled to be heard later in the meeting was recognized. He read a prepared statement in which he requested the Council to reject the proposed North-South Expressway, explaining their objections to it. He asked for an early response to halting plans for the expressway, stating that any plans for the expressway would seriously hinder efforts that are going on to improve the Oakwood Community, even though it is stated the road is not coming for awhile, 5-10 years.

Chairman Hoadley expressed gratification that this one crucial change -- that of explicitly removing the freeway from the downtown plan -- was done on the spot. This matter has been sent back for a restudy, along with the entire thoroughfare plan which is now called the transit plan.

Mr. Christopher felt that Council will delay this restudy, hoping that people will forget the issue and that the opposition will lose its momentum. He warned that in a year or so, Council will re-open the matter of the expressway. Sensing that Oakwood now has more support than we will ever have, he urged that we take immediate action and press for definite removal of the freeway entirely. Mr. Christopher suggested that the Action Committee contact other groups in Raleigh with interests similar to those of Oakwood. He felt that the neighborhood is at a standstill for people will be reluctant to buy houses for restoration until plans for the expressway are definitely cancelled.

Mr. Payne expressed agreement with these thoughts and offered the opinion that we do nothing half heartedly.

Mr. Christopher said that Historic Oakwood should write a letter to the City Council requesting an immediate decision and that a copy of this letter should be given to the press on the same day it is sent to Council. Mr. Christopher also felt that the city will buy property whenever it can. Mr. Hoadley said that he understood that several pieces of property had already been purchased by the city. Mrs. Daino noted that government usually has someone else purchase property which is to be condemned.

Chairman Hoadley reported that Mayor Bradshaw had assured him that Oakwood citizens would be informed as to stages in the development of freeway plans. Mr. Payne expressed a lack of trust in what city officials say. Mr. Hoadley agreed with this, saying that we should press for a decision now -- before Council elections which will be held in less than a year.

Mrs. Daino suggested that a copy of our letter to Council also be sent to the Governor. She felt that a shakeup in the State Highway Commission might be expected under Governor Holshouser. It would be to our advantage to make our feelings clear to the new administration.



Mr. Christopher made a motion that we write a letter to City Council, pressing for further hearings immediately and that the letter be released to the press at the same time. The motion passed.

Mr. Payne pointed out that since the city is to be divided into wards, we must have allies in every ward. He urged that we talk with people in other parts of Raleigh and solicit their support. Wake Environment should also be contacted. He felt that this organization could help bring together people with goals similar to ours. In reply to a question by Mrs. Daino, Chairman Hoadley said that Historic Oakwood has not officially joined Wake Environment.

Mr. Hoadley reported that Mayor Bradshaw had been very complimentary of the gentlemanly behavior of the Oakwood group at the hearing. He had inferred that Clark Avenue residents had been somewhat rowdy at a hearing concerning their neighborhood. Mr. Hoadley also expressed his own pride in the mannerly behavior of Oakwood citizens at the Council meeting. He asked that we continue to conduct ourselves in this way as long as we are in a negotiating position.

#### IV. Committee Assignments

Chairman Hoadley announced that the sign-up list for committee choices had not gotten the response he had hoped for; therefore, he would appoint chairmen of committees with Board approval. He explained that the individuals he would name had not been approached because Directors must first give their approval. He planned to ask each chairman to consider as committee members individuals who had volunteered to serve on their respective committees.

- A. Mr. Hoadley appointed Mrs. Corinne Glenn Chairman of the Publicity Committee with Mr. Anderson of 513 North Bloodworth Street and Mrs. Claudia Payne to be considered as members. The Board approved this appointment.
- B. As Chairman of the Membership Committee, Mr. Hoadley named Mrs. Ann Whims with Mr. William Makepeace to serve on the committee. The Board approved this appointment.
- C. Mr. Hoadley named Betty Rosenberg of 708 North Bloodworth Street Chairman of the Telephone and Canvass Committee with G. E. Anderson and William Makepeace suggested as members. In connection with this committee which will help keep Oakwood residents informed, Mr. Hoadley asked Mrs. Daino to set up a system of block chairmen since this had been her idea. Mrs. Daino agreed to do this, but asked the help of other Board members. She explained that block chairmen would be needed to inform everyone in Oakwood when emergency situations arise. Both appointments were approved.



- D. Mr. Hoadley appointed William Makepeace Chairman of the Presentation and Special Events Committee. Jerry Glenn, Stuart Woodard, and Mrs. Vallie Henderson were listed as committee members. Mr. Makepeace was approved as Chairman. Mr. Hoadley noted that this group may need to be split, with separate Presentation and Special Events Committees being established at a later date. In response to a question from Mrs. Stokes, Chairman Hoadley said that "Presentation" meant cooperating with other groups seeking neighborhood preservation and presenting ourselves and our cause to City Council and to civic organizations.
- E. Ron Ellis was named Chairman of the Newsletter Committee. Mr. Ellis's appointment was approved by the Board. Mr. Hoadley noted that no one had signed up to serve on the Newsletter Committee.
- F. Mr. Hoadley appointed Mrs. Mary Frances Stronach Tomb as Chairman of the Neighborhood Facts Committee, feeling that this individual should be a longterm Oakwood resident. As members of the committee, he suggested Mrs. Grace Bingham and Charles D. Arthur. Mrs. Tomb's appointment was approved.
- G. Fund Raising Committee Chairman is to be Mrs. Vallie Henderson. Harold Whims was named as a committee member. Mrs. Henderson's appointment was approved by the Directors.

Mr. Hoadley noted that he had not touched on two of the original committees suggested by the Action Committee. These were the Liaison Committee and the Watchdog Committee. He said that chairmen and members were not named because he felt more time was needed to consider choices for these very important assignments. Mr. Hoadley asked that committee chairmen advise him of those who agreed to serve as members of their committees.

Mr. Hoadley said that since chairmen had been officially appointed that night, Mr. Makepeace would inform the Board of plans for the Christmas house tour which falls under Special Events.

#### V. Oakwood Christmas-House Tour

Mr. Makepeace announced that the tour of 11 Oakwood homes would be from 3:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M. on Sunday, December 17. Tickets would cost \$2.00. Homes on the tour are: the Bullard home; Bobe-Ennis home; Cash-Woodard home; Daino home; Ellis home; Glenn home; Hoadley-Makepeace home; Gatling home; Payne home; Poe home; and Stronach home. He said that tickets would be on sale at Balentine's in Cameron Village, Pilgrim House Furniture, and Wayside Furniture House. Mrs. Stokes offered to see if she could arrange for ticket sales at the Archives and History Building.



*Mrs. Davis*

Mrs. Lassiter suggested that the Secretary write historical societies in New Bern, Edenton, and Wilmington so that their members might know of the Oakwood tour. Mrs. Poe was also asked to notify City Council members and City Manager, Mr. Carper, of the tour. Replying to Mrs. Poe's question, Mr. Makepeace replied that tickets for city officials would not be complimentary. Mr. Makepeace said that both the RALEIGH TIMES and the NEWS & OBSERVER would give publicity to the tour.

Mr. Makepeace announced that he was tentatively planning a session for hostesses on the Tuesday evening before the tour to instruct them in how to handle visitors. He expressed the hope that the tour will let the people of Raleigh and other cities know of the unusual effort that is being made in Oakwood.

Mr. Christopher spoke, saying that in the future all Oakwood residents must be informed of special events such as the tour in order to avoid conflicts. Had plans for the Christmas house tour been communicated to everyone in the neighborhood in advance, he could have avoided a conflict with an event he had planned. He stressed that he was not opposed to the tour, but to the fact that not everyone had been properly advised of plans for it. He urged that in the future, everyone be informed in advance, expressing the opinion that if this is not done, chances of saving the neighborhood are diminished.

Mr. Glenn moved that in the future the Telephone Committee inform residents of Oakwood of any community activity being planned. The motion passed.

Mrs. Stokes said that the Wake County Historical Society might like to help with such special events as the Christmas tour. She said that Miss Beth Crabtree had expressed in becoming involved with activities of this nature.

#### VI. Membership List

Chairman Hoadley reported that membership had been put in some order in the past month. He distributed copies to each Board member of tabulated membership lists. These contain names of those who had applied for membership as of November 28, 1972. He explained that it was an alphabetical listing which included telephone numbers when they were readily available and type of membership. Home ownership was also indicated. He said that this information had been obtained from request-for-membership forms and that the list was strictly a preliminary one. He asked that Board members consider those on the tabulated lists as our membership to date, but we would give approval on them at the next Board meeting. He also requested that Directors read the sheets, noting any corrections which would be made at the next Board meeting.

#### VII. Vacancy on City Council

Chairman said that City Council will shortly appoint someone to fill the vacancy left on Council by the death of Mr. Enloe. Mrs. Henderson said that



W. G. Mordecai had approached her to see if Historic Oakwood might want to made a recommendation for someone from the neighborhood to fill the post. Mr. Hoadley commented that, since there is a "backlog" of likely candidates for the Council seat, he felt an effort by Oakwood would be a waste of time. Mr. Christopher felt that it was best not to become attached to any individual on Council at present. He suggested that we contact the individual who is appointed after his appointment is announced.

Mr. Payne felt that we should not lead in any way in this matter at present because Oakwood is the newest neighborhood group and most likely to make an error if we offer a candidate or support one for this appointment.

Mr. Christopher suggested that we contact groups similar to Historic Oakwood to consider supporting a candidate together in the 1973 election. Mr. Hoadley agreed that any efforts on our part cannot be made until the election in the coming year. During the campaign, Oakwood can get viewpoints of all the candidates for City Council.

Mr. Glenn offered his home for the next Board meeting on January 9. It was agreed that the Board would meet at the Glenn home, 501 Polk Street at 7:00 P. M. on Tuesday, January 9, 1973.

Mr. Christopher moved adjournment. The meeting was then adjourned.