

## 1977 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The present members of the Society's Board of Directors, most of whom were elected during the general meeting in November of 1976, are as follows:

### Officers

Chairman: Taylor McMillan  
Vice-Chairman: Barbara Wishy  
Treasurer: Al Carlton  
Recording Secretary: Mamie Bridger  
Corresponding Secretary: Sally Barnes  
Historian: Vallie Henderson

### Directors Serving First of Two-Year Terms

Frank Daino  
Ann Reed Dunn  
Ernie McDonald  
Sarah Stronach

### Directors Serving Second of Two-Year Terms

Dixie Crew  
Bobbie Dudley  
Shun Kanda  
Maggie Sears

### Director Appointed to Replace Vacancy

Ames Christopher

Please contact any of these people when you have any questions or any ideas to express.

## PROGRESS MADE ON GARDEN PARK

Since the Society purchased the lot on the corner of Oakwood and Linden, several steps in the plan to convert it into a garden park have been completed. A wooden fence has been erected and painted, and the city has installed a water connection beyond the sidewalk so that we will be able to water the plants and eventually erect a fountain. Crepe myrtles have been planted but need to be repositioned. Donations for the purchase of more decorative trees have been received. Volunteers with time to devote to the project, money to donate to the purchase of more plants, and/or decorative plants to donate please contact Frank Daino at 832-4201. The next steps will be to effect further grading of the land, to plant more trees and shrubs between now and Christmas, and to establish gravelled paths meandering throughout the garden.

## SUPPLEMENTARY BULLETIN

Since the initial preparation of this newsletter, Mr. John W. Kennedy has filed for the District B seat on the City Council and has agreed to appear with Mr. Edwards at our September 21 Board meeting. As a newcomer to city hall politics, Mr. Kennedy has indicated that he will support neighborhood preservation.





# Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood



## NEWSLETTERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED QUARTERLY

I'd like to help with the Christmas Tour this year, but who is the tour chairman? When is the next meeting of the Society's Board of Directors? Is Oakwood participating in the city's Community Action Coalitions? Did we have a Fourth of July picnic this year? The Board of Directors of the Society will be publishing a quarterly newsletter to answer some of your questions and to let you know what is going on so that you can GET INVOLVED.

## BOARD MEETS ON THIRD WEDNESDAYS

The meetings of the Board of Directors of the Society are open for all members of the Society to come and are being held at the Oakwood-Mordecai Meeting House on North Person Street. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. The October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. The November meeting is a full membership meeting, the time and place of which will be announced in the next newsletter.

## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE TO APPEAR AT NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Edward A. Walters, who has announced his candidacy for the District B seat on the Raleigh City Council, has agreed to appear at the next Board meeting to discuss his candidacy. Any other candidates who announce for the District B seat before the meeting will be invited to appear as well. District B includes the entire Oakwood neighborhood and is currently represented by the Rev. Thomas Bashford, who will not seek re-election.

Jack Zehmer, Historic Districts Planner for the City of Richmond, will also appear at this meeting to present information on his city's success in the area of historic district planning.

The meeting will be held at the Oakwood-Mordecai Meeting House on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this important meeting.

## THE RALEIGH HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION

The City Council appointed in July of this year the following residents of Oakwood to the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission: Barbara Wishy, Ernie McDonald, and Al Carlton. Another Oakwood resident, Charles Arthur, is a member of this commission. The function of the commission is to recommend to the City Council structures, sites, and areas to be designated by ordinance as "historic properties" and to promote the conservation of such properties for the education and pleasure of the city's residents. The commission, established in 1973, consists of thirty-two members, each appointed to two-year terms. Dr. Murray Downs is serving as chairman for this year.

## THE RALEIGH HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION

The Raleigh Historic Districts Commission is a sub-commission of the Historic Properties Commission and consists of nine members appointed by the City Council, which are automatically also members of the Historic Properties Commission. The Historic Districts Commission is charged with safeguarding the historic character of the three historic districts in Raleigh -- Oakwood, Capital Square, and Blount Street Historic Districts. It issues the certificates of appropriateness which an Oakwood resident must obtain before undertaking any alterations of the exterior portions of any building or structure. At this time, Charles Arthur is the only member of this commission who is also a resident of Oakwood. The chairman of the commission is O. C. Pennington. Technically, our Society must channel requests to the City Council through this commission.

## GOALS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY SOCIETY

At its November, 1976 annual meeting, the Society authorized the establishment of a seven-member Goals Committee. Members were elected for three-year staggered terms by the Board. The committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Board long-term goals for the



hood. The following people were selected by the Board: three-year terms - Barry Poe and Barnes; two-year terms - Jim McCloud and Larry Meisner; one-year terms - Chris Carlton, Jones, and Ted Nodell. Hugh Barnes was elected by the committee to serve as chairman. Some projects currently under study by the committee are as follows: hiring a professional, establishing a revolving fund, period street lighting, special street paving to resemble cobblestone, revision of the tour guide maps, traffic problems, playgrounds, and designation of all city historic districts into one community task force. The Goals Committee welcomes recommendations and suggested projects. Meetings are open and all are encouraged to attend and participate. Contact any member of the committee for the time and place of future meetings.

#### OAKWOOD, WHERE ARE WE?

I wonder what's going to happen to Person Street? I wonder what will happen to the Boys' Club when the new club is built? I wonder what kind of businesses will move into Oakwood? I wonder what will happen to land values here in the next five years? I wonder if our school is adequate to attract young families with children? Well, you should wonder and you must wonder because there is no plan for Oakwood to guide it in becoming the type of neighborhood that we would all like to see. Neighborhoods such as Oakwood are born and grow and mature and die in the same way that other neighborhoods of less significance do.

Oakwood has now reached the point in its development that planning efforts are necessary. Now, virtually all renovations and preservation have been done on individual initiative. We must begin to plan now to insure that future zoning, building and expansion are continued with character and atmosphere that are necessary for the preservation of Oakwood as an appealing historic area for both families and certain types of businesses.

Chairman McMillan appointed an ad hoc committee to explore the avenues available to produce a comprehensive plan for conserving Oakwood. Its function was not to develop an actual plan but to begin up with a method for developing such a plan. The committee explored various options: (1) should the city develop such a plan for us? (2) should we employ a professional planner? (3) should we engage a university professor to develop such a plan with student assistance? The committee, composed of Taylor McMillan, Hugh Barnes, Bobbie Dudley, Ernie McDonald, and Pauls, held three lengthy meetings at the Dudleys' home. Several professionals participated in the discussions, including Linda Harris of the City Planning Department and N.C.S.U. Professor Speer, former director of the N.C. Department of Archives and History.

At the last meeting, it was decided that we need to strengthen our own organizational structure and gather more information from our own community and other similar communities by embarking upon a concentrated planning effort. Our current membership solicitation is the first step in strengthening our organization. The second step is a complete revision of our tour guide, which Taylor McMillan has agreed to prepare for action at the November annual meeting. The matter of gathering information and preparing for the involvement of a professional planner has been referred to the Goals Committee. The Goals Committee is planning for a series of speakers this fall who will share with all members of our neighborhood what other cities have been doing in conserving neighborhoods. If you have ideas about how we should proceed, please share them with any member of the Goals Committee.

#### NEW TOUR GUIDES FORTHCOMING

Chris Carlton is preparing a new tour guide map. Plans call for the addition of many houses not currently listed, which requires extensive title searching to collect accurate local information. If you have information on a home you feel worth of adding to the map or you would be willing to assist in research, please contact Chris at 833-3779.

#### SUMMARY: 1977 BOARD ACTIONS

At its March 1, 1977 meeting, the Board approved an initial traffic abatement plan proposed by Ted Nodell to establish four-way stops at the corners of Oakwood and Bloodworth, Lane and Bloodworth and Jones, and Boundary and Bloodworth: those intersections incurred the highest number of turning accidents, according to a current traffic study. The City Council approved our request, and the stops were established in May. The Board thanked Bobbie Dudley



for coordinating the successful 1976 Candlelight Christmas Tour. Frank Daino was appointed our representative to the North Central Community Task Force, which along with the other C.A.C.'s works directly with the City Council. Four Oakwood residents were approved for recommendation to the City Council for appointment to the Historic Properties Commission.

During the March 23, 1977 meeting, Ernie and Anne McDonald were authorized to represent the Society at the annual conference of the North Carolina Historic Preservation Society in Wilmington. Ideas from other historic districts on how to become more distinct as an historic district and how to forward our identity were shared at the April meeting.

At the April 20 meeting, Frank Daino was appointed Garden Park Committee chairman. The Board asked the appropriate state government official to beautify their parking lots which border on our district. Taylor McMillan has secured a promise from the Executive Director of the Boys' Club to advise us of developments before a final disposition is made on the sale of their facility at the corner of East and Lane Streets. Mamie Bridger was appointed chairman of the Fourth of July Picnic, which was a roaring success. Dixie Crew was appointed chairman of the 1977 Annual Candlelight Christmas Tour.

At the May meeting, Donna Palmer of the Bell Design Group presented their plan for Peace College, which proposes to reroute downtown traffic south from Old Wake Forest Road through the Halifax Court Apartments area to Salisbury Street. It hopes to preserve the Blount Street Historic District by diverting traffic from Blount Street and forestalling its possible expansion into a major thoroughfare. It also proposes, however, to maintain Person Street as the major northbound route. The Board voted to support the Peace College Plan before the City Council. Hugh Barnes presented a proposal from the Goals Committee to lay special paving which gives the appearance of turn-of-the-century road surfacing.

During the June 15 meeting, Shun Kanda was appointed chairman of a committee to monitor plans for the Boys' Club facility in our district. The formation of a finance committee was endorsed: this group would suggest more ways to raise money for large-scale projects. Another proposal from the Goals Committee was presented by Hugh Barnes to erect reproduction turn-of-the-century street lights throughout the neighborhood. The Welsbach Company was authorized to present a firm estimate of the cost of purchasing the light fixtures and decorative posts. Taylor McMillan was asked to contact other historical groups about the possibility of forming an alliance for mutual support.

The advantages and disadvantages of engaging the services of a professional planner were discussed at the July and August meetings. Block captains were appointed for each block in the neighborhood to disseminate items of interest to all residents. The Board congratulated Ames Christopher and the Friends of the Carousel on the success of the carnival benefit for the Pullen Park Carousel.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: AUGUST 23, 1977

Al Carlton, Treasurer, reports the following information:

##### Account Balances:

Checking (Wachovia)	\$ 633.92
Passbook Savings (Wachovia)	1,179.53
Certificate of Deposit (Raleigh Savings)	5,135.98
Total	<u>\$6,949.43</u>

The Passbook Savings Account was opened on July 27, 1976. To date it has earned \$129.53 in interest. A six-month, \$5,000.00 certificate of deposit was purchased on January 13, 1977. To date it has earned \$135.98 in interest.

Current year expenditures, exclusive of 1976 Christmas Tour expenses paid in the current year, are as follows:

Printing	\$ 48.67
Postage	25.44
Fourth of July Picnic	49.93
C.P.A. Fee	60.00
Miscellaneous	119.36
Total	<u>\$303.40</u>



# Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

POST OFFICE BOX 11137 • RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27604

## Membership Application

1. Name:		2. Application Date:	
3. Address:			
4. Home Phone:	5. Office Phone:	6. Employer:	
7. Title and Duties:			
8. SKILLS AND INTEREST INVENTORY: (Check all that apply)			

CATEGORY	EXPERIENCED	HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE	WILL ASSIST OTHERS
A. FUND RAISING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. GRANT WRITING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. RESEARCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. ARCHITECTURE / ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. WRITING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. GRAPHIC DESIGN / ART	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G. HISTORICAL RESEARCH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
H. LOBBYING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I. PUBLIC RELATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
J. TYPING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
K. PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
L. OTHER (SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. OTHER INTERESTING DATA:

10. PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES: (List the projects or activities you would like to see the Society pursue.)



# Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood

POST OFFICE BOX 11137 • RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27604



September 7, 1977

Dear Resident of Oakwood:

Historic Oakwood has experienced many changes in the past few years, and many new people have moved into our neighborhood. As you may know, membership in the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood is open to all residents within the boundaries of our district, and our membership roster is badly in need of updating. In November of each year, a meeting of the Society's full membership is held for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the subsequent year. We need to have an accurate membership list prior to the annual meeting.

A current membership list is also essential to our efforts to disseminate information to a larger number of Oakwood residents and to encourage a wider range of people to become involved in neighborhood and Society activities. We need to do a better job of ensuring that everyone who wants to help toward our collective goals and to participate in all activities is fully informed of the many opportunities available.

Attached is a membership application which is designed to recreate our membership list and to provide a vehicle for people to express their feelings about what the Society should be doing for all of its members. Please complete the form - one for each adult in your household - even if you are already a member and return to the address printed thereon or to Sally Barnes at 316 East Jones Street by September 30, 1977.

Sincerely,

Taylor McMillan  
Chairman

TMcM/cd

Attachment

MEMBER NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
MEMBER HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA