

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
ARTS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
DECEMBER 11, 2012 – 3:00 P.M.  
LINCOLN STREET GARAGE  
CONFERENCE ROOM - 820 WASHINGTON STREET**



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The Columbia City Council conducted an Arts & Historic Preservation Committee Meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2012 at the Lincoln Street Parking Garage, 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., The Honorable Sam Davis was present and The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman arrived at 3:58 p.m.

Councilor Runyan asked that item #2 Landmark Preservation be moved up.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

1. Landmark Preservation – Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of Historic Columbia and Ms. Amy Moore, Historic Preservation Planner

Ms. Robin Waites, Executive Director of Historic Columbia and Ms. Amy Moore, Historic Preservation Planner provided the committee members with detailed reports of list of current city and 80 eligible landmark properties. They also provided recommendations on how to get more properties landmarked. They also provided a description of different tax incentives for historic properties given by federal, state and local entities. They discussed the criteria used to determine landmark eligibility; and the demolition delay ordinance. They recommended a revolving loan fund for landmark site and districts.

It was the consensus of the committee to have letters sent to eligible landmark property owners to educate and invite them to a meeting in order to discuss the possibility of acquiring landmark status. The letter would be signed by Mr. Runyan, as head of the committee and possibly the council member who represents the eligible property. The committee requested more information on the revolving loan fund. Finally, the committee also recommended discussing in detail the demolition by delay ordinance at the next committee meeting.

2. Hospitality Tax Committee Composition

It was the consensus of the committee to recommend to full council to change the current composition of this committee from eight (8) restaurateurs and three (3) at-large appointees to six (6) restaurateurs and five (5) at-large appointees. The committee requested staff to develop staggered terms for the appointees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Lucius, Senior Secretary  
Office of the City Clerk