Charlotte Historic District Commission Public Workshop January 28, 2016

Summary of Workshop Comments from Ten Tables of Attendees

A. Administrative Issues

- 1. Lax Enforcement (3)
- 2. Inconsistent Review (4)
- 3. Confusion for New Applicants: Admin Review or HDC Review
- 4. Review Takes Too Long
- 5. More Public Education Needed (3)
- 6. Need More Historic Districts: Commercial and Mid-Century Modern
- 7. Confusion Between Zoning & HDC Powers

B. Guidelines Issues

- 1. Should GL be Specific or Performance Based
- 2. Better Definitions of Contributing & Noncontributing Buildings
- 3. Problem of Continuing Demolition & Loss of Character of Districts (2)
- 4. Problem of Requiring Traditional Materials vs. Simulated & Recycled Materials (3)
- 5. Problem of Additions & New Construction being too Large, Out of Scale (4)
- 6. Height of New Houses Should Relate to Entire Street, Not Just to Neighbor
- 7. New Const. Impact on Removal of Tree Cover
- 8. Negative Visual Impact of Cell Phone Poles

C. Other Issues

- 1. Impact of Growth on Open Space
- 2. How to Preserve "Unique" Character, not Just Historic Character