

RE: [External] Re: Historic Preservation of Building in Asheville

From: Gledhill-earley, Renee <renee.gledhill-earley@ncdcr.gov>
To: Tarleton Walmsley <tarleton@gmail.com>
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Sent: April 17, 2019 5:12:29 PM EDT

Thank you, Mr. Walmsley, for your message.

After your first inquiry, I checked with Mary Pope Furr, who reports that this property was assessed for National Register eligibility and was not found to meet the required criterion. She will be able to provide you with the documentation of this.

As to the need to demolish the building, it seems that it is at access point opposite a historic school and historic district, which must be avoided by the improvements to I-240. That means that the project has to move to the other side of the interstate, which is sadly where your building is located. Again, Ms. Furr will have details on the plans/designs in this area that show how the avoidance of the two historic properties moves the project in your direction.

If after talking with Ms. Furr, you still wish to pursue National Register listing, you will want to talk with Annie McDonald, who has Buncombe County in her portfolio of counties and can explore this in more detail with you.

Best regards.

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Hi Renee,

Thank you for getting back to me. I'll reach out to Mary Pope. In the meantime, would you be able to tell me what qualifies a building as eligible to receive preservation? According to members of the I-26 Aesthetics committee, the footprint of the building is to remain intact. What we're trying to understand, then, is why we'd need to tear this building down at all and if its status as a historically relevant building would help. Everyone I've talked to seems hell-bent on tearing the building down, but as someone whose sole income comes from my business being here, I am trying to be heard and/or receive help with how else we might express the importance of this building currently, and make a case for its value historically. According to the committee, it would indeed help. Any help you have is appreciated--this building is of value not only to me and my business, but also the 10 other businesses with studios inside of it.

Thank you for your time.

Tarleton

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 4:06 PM Gledhill-earley, Renee <renee.gledhill-earley@ncdcr.gov> wrote:

This building was surveyed for the project. It is Bn4931 Meadows Dry Goods. Not determined to be eligible.

As there is a National Register-listed school and West Asheville NRHD across I-240 from this, it is likely that the project will go to the west side of interstate and take the building.

Mary Pope Furr at NCDOT – 919-707-6068 is the best person to contact about this project and the properties within it.

Thanks,

Renee

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Tarleton: Thank you for getting in touch—I am sorry to hear of this kind of impact to the Haywood Road corridor. I need to refer you to some colleagues that are involved in evaluation of historic properties, and also in preservation planning related to the I-26 project planning and design.

Renee Gledhill-Earley is copied here—she leads our Environmental Review program, and may discuss with you possible provisions for historic properties affected by transportation projects. Her direct line is 919.814.6579.

You might also contact Annie McDonald, who advises on potential eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Her direct line is 828.296.7230 x. 223.

I notice that on NCDOT public info page for the project, Teresa Ellerby is listed as project contact, <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/asheville-i-26-connector/Pages/default.aspx>. You might inquire with her to determine if 757 Haywood Road and its environs has been evaluated for National Register eligibility in conjunction with I-26 planning and design. Mary Pope Furr handles historic architecture evaluation and consultation within NCDOT, you may reach her at 919.707.6089 or mfurr@ncdot.gov.

Best of luck and let me know if I may further assist. – J.

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Hi Jennifer,

I hope you are well! I am a friend of Bill Eakins, and he suggested I reach out to you.

I am a tenant of a building in West Asheville located at 474 Haywood Rd. Our building is known as the Meadows Dry Goods building. It operated as a dry goods shop for years, and was even a meeting place for folks in the community. We are also diagonally across the street from Burton Street Community, which is one of the remaining historically black neighborhoods left in the city. I am interested in learning how I might be able to register this building as a historic part of this corridor.

Our building is scheduled to be torn down as part of the I-26 Connector Project and I was told at the last NC DOT meeting that even if I tried to register the building, they were still tearing it down. Today, a colleague of mine on the aesthetics committee for I-26 told me that isn't necessarily the case, and if we can establish historic preservation then there's a chance the building could be saved.

I would love to know what this process looks like--we have until November 2019 to establish ourselves and while the owner of the building doesn't want to be involved, she has given all of us tenants with businesses here permission to pursue this further.

I appreciate your time!

Tarleton

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