

North Carolina Department of Administration

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

Moses Carey, Jr., Secretary

February 28, 2011

Mayor Charles C. Meeker City of Raleigh 222 West Hargett Street, Room 224 Raleigh, NC 27602

Mayor Meeker:

I am in receipt of a copy of the Moore Square Draft Master Plan Report. The current plan concept includes lawns, elevated lawns, walkways, trees, shrubbery, benches, lighting, walls, and a water play area. It also proposes building(s) containing concession stand(s) and public bathrooms. Joy Wayman, State Property Office, has been attending the planning process meetings. Joy has provided to the City and the design team a copy of G.S. §143-345.4, expressing concern that structures are outside the City's delegated authority and not in the State's best interest. The Parks & Recreation planning staff of the City of Raleigh stated that because the legislation does not specifically prohibit structures on the property, that structures are allowed and that the City should continue to move forward with the plan including structures. The plan is scheduled to go before the Parks & Recreation Greenway Advisory Board on March 17th and to City Council on April 19th.

On behalf of the State, the Department of Administration objects to the placement of buildings on Moore Square. Other nearby options exist including the existing public bathrooms located in the Moore Square Transit Center and Marbles Kids Museum along with the potential location in adjacent City-owned property, both of which are within ±60' of the Park.

Mrs. Wayman will be attending both meetings and will officially register the State's objections to the restrooms and kiosks.

Please give me a call if I can answer any questions or be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Moses Carey, Jr.

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Cassie Schumacher-Georgopoulos Master Plan Project Manager Parks and Recreation Department PO BoxPO Box 590 Raleigh, NC 27602

RE: Moore Square Master Plan, Raleigh, Wake County, GS10-1978

Dear Ms. Schumacher-Georgopoulos:

Thank you for providing three copies and a CD of the above referenced document for review by the State Historic Preservation Office. We have reviewed the draft master plan for Moore Square and offer the following comments for consideration by the Parks and Recreation Greenway Advisory Board at its February 17, 2011 meeting. By copy we are also providing our comments to the Department of Administration's State Property Office in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 121-12(a).

As you know, the staff of the State Historic Preservation Office sought guidance from the North Carolina Historical Commission at it November 3, 2010 meeting on the proposed "tilted lawn," which is a key element in the redevelopment of Moore Square. At that time the Commission signaled its willingness to accept the concept of the "tilted lawn" as part of the Master Plan. Staff also noted that the plan called for some type of permanent structure to house an information/food service kiosk with restrooms. We believe that such a building would adversely affect the historic square and recommend either the use of a temporary structure that does not require footings and fixed utility services or the location of such an amenity off the square. This has been a suggestion that we have repeatedly offered throughout the planning process.

We understand that the Master Plan, when adopted, will be implemented in phases as funding becomes available and plans are developed. As those plans are developed, we will need to review and comment on the specifics to ensure that they are in accord with the Master Plan and will not adversely affect historic Moore Square and/or the Moore Square National Register Historic District.

These comments are made in accord with G.S. 121-12(a) and Executive Order XVI. If you have questions regarding them, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Crow

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