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Stewart Gray
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
2100 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28207

Re: Landmark designation report for the William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House,
215 W. Eastway Drive, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Dear Stewart:

Thank you for sending us a landmark designation report for the William Sidney and Margaret Davis Abernethy House, 215 W. Eastway Drive, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County. We have reviewed it and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.6.

The two-story ca. 1914 eclectic Colonial Revival and Queen Anne style Abernethy House has been moved a short distance from the its original location facing Tryon Road. It stands on the edge of a wooded area at the end of a cul-de-sac street. The front porch has retained its original roof, however, the historic integrity of the house design has been altered with the construction of a stylistically inappropriate brick pier and battered post porch structure. Also, in my opinion the moved Abernethy House on its one acre lot does not adequately portray the historic character and function of the several-hundred-acre historic Abernethy dairy farm.

The designation report provides the local governing board with sufficient information to determine whether or not the property has the requisite special significance and integrity for landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property as one worthy of preservation because of its special significance and integrity in the local community. Any substantial change in the design, materials, and appearance is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

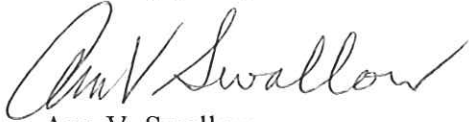
Please note that if the local governing board wishes to extend the commission's authority to significant interior features, the owner must give consent and the designation ordinance must specify particular features subject to review and describe the nature of the commission's design review authority over them.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the report. Our comments are advisory only. Once the necessary public hearing or hearings have been held, the governing board may proceed with the

designation decision. Please find enclosed a designation confirmation form and notify Claudia Brown of the local governing board's action at your earliest convenience. Also, if applicable, please let Claudia Brown know of any provisions in the designation ordinance that differ from those specified in the report.

Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact me at 919-807-6587.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann V. Swallow". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Ann V. Swallow
National Register Coordinator

Enclosure