

Historic building could move

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University officials have agreed to provide funds to investigate the possibility of moving the historic West House from its current location to one of six proposed sites.

The "Save the West House Coalition," formed by Jeffery Beam about two weeks ago, raised about \$350 for a study examining a possible move.

CORRECTION

A page 3 brief and online story Thursday should have said there was a community meeting hosted by the Employee Forum to discuss recommendations made by the Chancellor's Task Force for a Better Workplace last semester.

A page 7 article in Friday's paper incorrectly identified the N.C. Neurosciences Hospital as the UNC Neurosciences Hospital.

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But UNC officials want to conduct a more thorough study that likely will cost more and require extra work for University staff, said Steve Allred, associate provost and chairman of the Arts Common planning committee.

Built in 1935, West House lies in the footprint of the future Arts Commons and is tagged for demolition within two years.

But Beam, an assistant in the Couch Biology Library and a founding member of the Chancellor's Task Force on Landscape Heritage and Plant Diversity, has mobilized to save the structure he says has rich aesthetic and historical value.

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Allred expressed concern that neither Beam nor any of his supporters attended last year's planning meetings.

Still, Allred and Paul Kapp, the campus historic preservation manager, met with Beam and other supporters of West House last week to discuss potential actions.

Beam, Kapp and Allred characterized the meeting as productive and said they formed a plan to investigate the feasibility of relocating the 1,000 square-foot structure. Six potential sites for West House will be explored, including a spot on top of an underground parking deck in the arts common and adjacent to Forest Theatre.

Beam said he was pleased with the progress made. "We are excited about the cooperation we received from the University," he said.

Allred said that University officials are interested in working with the coalition, but that they are not willing to compromise the integrity of the Arts Common design.

"Where our interests converge is in working with this group to realize their goal of saving West House," he said. "But we really don't want to go back to square one."

Allred cautioned that moving the structure would be costly and would require private funds. Kapp said the cost of the move cannot be estimated until a location is chosen.

An original estimate of \$550,000 emerged from Kapp's investigation of moving West House to the property adjacent to the Forest Theatre. The figure included \$200,000 for the transportation of the structure and \$350,000 for a new foundation, necessary renovations, landscaping and parking.

Kapp emphasized that these numbers are "guesstimates," and said Beam's group is seeking more exact figures.

Allred said, "We were delighted to work with them. But we have to be straight-forward about the cost."

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Northside panel mulls new zoning regulations

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Members of the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District Advisory Committee began discussion Saturday on new zoning regulations for the neighborhood.

A recent complaint by a property owner prompted the committee to discuss an oversight in their proposed zoning regulations for the Northside neighborhood.

The new concern includes six businesses on North Columbia Street in Northside that are not currently covered by the proposed regulations. These properties fall under Office/Institution 1 zoning.

Since these buildings are residential in character, town staff has suggested they be considered under the Northside Committee's Residential 4 zoning. But property owners are complaining that this would significantly restrict their ability to expand. Instead, they want to be considered under the Town Center-2 zoning.

Because town zoning regulations place OI-1 between R-4 and TC-2, some members suggested the committee adopt the similar regulations for OI-1 in Northside.

The committee was unable to reach a consensus and decided to hold another meeting before their presentation to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Feb. 23.

The committee also brought up past concerns about residential building heights and square footage.

Committee members said residential primary building heights in Northside should be limited to 20 feet. But some residents question their ability to create homes with adequate ceiling height while maintaining room for a crawl space. Residents have asked the committee to consider raising the restriction to 23 or 25 feet.

The committee also proposed that houses only take up 25 percent of a total lot, capping house size at 2,000 square feet. People have expressed dissatisfaction with this particular restriction for fear that they will not be able to build houses spacious enough for their needs.

But committee member Mark Patmore said residents do not have a clear understanding of the capacity of 2,000 square feet. He said the design of a home makes a big difference in perception of space.

Patmore also said most people forget that unheated basements, front porches and backyard decks are not counted as a part of a home's square footage.

The committee decided to include in its recommendation to the council a stipulation that allows them to review their regulations in one year. "Evaluation is very important and often not done," said committee member Linda Convisor.

The committee will meet Feb. 16 to make a decision on OI-1 regulations for the Northside District.

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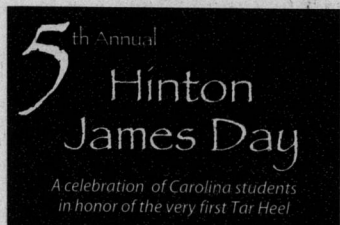
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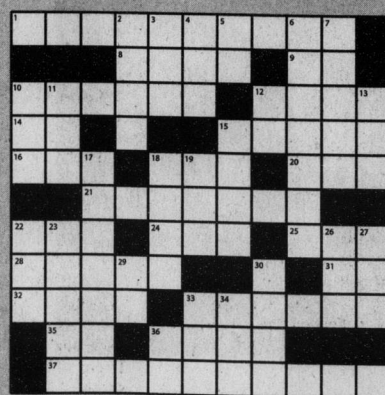
- but the kitchen sink
- Uh-oh!
- poet used no punctuation for his initials
- eat with pita, falafel
- waste not, _____ not
- Steinbeck novel "_____ Mice and Men"
- Hat worn by Monica L.
- a lot, weight-wise
- used to get responses by mail (no stamp needed!) (abbrev.)
- Emergency broadcast message: "This _____ test."
- off-again; as with a tumultuous relationship
- peanut isn't one, but a cashew is
- Not me, or them

DOWN:

- Capital of Italy, or a type of tomato
- "I'm fine; and _____?"
- Something prankster does to trees (abbrev.)
- your education before college (abbrev.)
- getting closer
- hereditary legacy
- Intentionally shallow reality show "Are You _____?"
- term for an alien spacecraft (abbrev.)
- Us
- it runs the buses between Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill (abbrev.)
- like sultor, another old-fashioned name for boyfriend
- void; Seinfeld was called "a show about _____"
- Lame comeback: "_____ you!"
- Fairy tale setting: long _____ and far away
- lingo meaning capture or arrest
- rules of language governing grammar
- tip for a fountain pen
- acronym for the Council of Economic Advisors
- phoned home, then biked there
- Bobby McFerrin song "_____ Worry, Be Happy"
- to be fired: to get the _____

ACROSS continued:

- chain store sells vitamins and supplements (abbrev.)
- In "Ring Around the Rosy," you say this twice before falling down
- Latin expression used with further explanation, meaning "that is" (abbrev.)
- Final meal for a fish
- Microscopic creature
- Country code for Guinea
- These help pull the plow
- Description of a narcissist



DOWN continued:

- Not cats and dogs in this song: "It's Raining _____"
- New show on Fox, set in coastal California "The _____" (abbrev.)

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