



**Greenville County Planning and Zoning**

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## Memorandum

**To:** Ennis Fant, Chairman, Planning & Development Committee  
**cc:** Tee Coker, Rashida Jeffers-Campbell, Tyler Stone, Nicole Miglionico  
**From:** Suzanne Terry, Planner II  
**Date:** June 13, 2023  
**Re:** Application for Recommendation for Historic Property Designation:  
Slater Hall, Slater

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The Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission has been asked by the property owner, Greenville County on behalf of District 17 Councilman Joey Russo, to request County historic designation for Slater Hall, located at 5 Whitney Street in unincorporated Slater. The Commission voted to approve the application for recommendation at its April 20, 2023 meeting.

Slater Hall dates to 1934 when it was dedicated by H. Nelson Slater as a community center for his employees at Slater Manufacturing Company. The building is constructed on a continuous brick foundation and stands three stories tall. For nearly nine decades Slater Hall has been a central community space for meetings, plays, athletics, and countless events, and is currently undergoing a much-needed renovation.

Therefore, staff is requesting that the Planning and Development Committee forward this request to County Council for consideration to be added to the County's Historic Property Inventory.

A copy of the application is attached.



**Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission  
Application for Recommendation for Historic  
Property Designation**

The Greenville County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Section 7.1-8, authorizes Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission to make recommendations for historic designation to the Greenville County Council. Owners of properties proposed to be designated historic shall be notified in writing of the Commission's desire to so designate. **No property shall be designated without the owner's written consent.** Completed applications, including all required attachments, should be mailed to: **Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission, Attn: Planner, Historic Preservation-301 University Ridge, Suite 3800 Greenville, SC 29601.**

<b>OFFICIAL USE ONLY:</b> Application #: _____ Date Received: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by Historic Preservation Commission _____ (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by Planning and Development Committee _____ (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Granted by County Council _____ (date granted)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval Not Granted by _____ (date denied)
_____	_____
Authorized Signature	Date

<b>1. Property Information</b>			
<b>Name of Historic Property:</b> Slater Hall			
<b>Street Address:</b> 5 Whitney Street			
<b>City:</b>	Slater	South Carolina	<b>Zip Code:</b> 29683
<b>PIN #:</b>	0518001000300		
<b>Is the property located in the unincorporated area of Greenville County? (select one)</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If "No" see below.			
<b>If located in a municipality, has said municipality approved authorization of jurisdiction? Attach relevant documentation.</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>2. Owner Information</b>			
<b>Name of Property Owner:</b> County of Greenville			
<b>Mailing Address:</b> 301 University Ridge Suite 2400			
<b>City:</b>	Greenville	<b>State:</b>	South Carolina <b>Zip Code:</b> 29601
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>		
<b>Signature of Owner's Approval for Application for Designation</b>			
Ownership of property: Private <input type="checkbox"/>		Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

### 3. Historic Significance

#### Eligibility Requirements

(Attach all relevant documentation)

- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places **OR**
- Determined eligible for the National Register by SC Dept. of Archives and History **OR**
- It is at least 75 years old\* **AND**
  - Architectural design and/or construction materials are of historical significance to Greenville County's development; **OR**
  - Structure is associated with person or group of political, economic, religious, social, artistic or literary significance to Greenville County; **OR**
  - Structure is associated with person or group of scientific, religious, political, business, literary, the arts, or other professional significance to Greenville County

\*Historic Preservation Commission may waive 75-year requirement

Check if waived on \_\_\_\_\_ date.

#### Attach Narrative Description

Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Note applicable areas of significance, periods, dates, persons, cultural affiliation, and/or architect/builder. Cite all books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this description.





SLATER HALL



Slater Hall dates to 1934 when it was dedicated by H. Nelson Slater as a community center for his employees at Slater Manufacturing Company. The building is constructed on a continuous brick foundation and stands three stories tall. The building contains a full facade and engaged porch with paired wood columns. The central entry has modern double doors and a flat pediment, and it appears as though the door may have been surmounted by a transom, which has been enclosed. There are both six-over-six and nine-over-nine paired double-hung sash windows. Some of the windows appear to be original while others are replaced. The square porch supports are sheathed in sheet metal and the building has aluminum siding. The roof is sheathed with composition shingles.<sup>1</sup>

Other features of the building are two entrances on the right side of the building, three entrances on the left side of the building, and two historic rear additions, one of which has a brick chimney. The hall draws elements from the Neoclassical architectural design, popular during the early 20th century, as evident by the full facade, colonnade front porch.<sup>2</sup>

According to a 1934 press release before the dedication of the building, the building was occupied immediately and was a central community space for “meetings, plays, athletics, etc.”<sup>3</sup> Slater Hall was built at a cost of \$20,000 and included an auditorium, gymnasium, club rooms, locker rooms, and showers.<sup>4</sup> Through the years, the space was a central tenet of the Slater community. For a long time, it served as a home for the community church, as well as extra space for the local school. In 2005, Slater Hall was sitting abandoned when the community began working towards opening the building again.<sup>5</sup> After a rigorous fundraising effort and restoration, the building was re-opened to the public on April 10, 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> Pg 88, Greenville County Recreation District, *Greenville County, South Carolina Historic Resource Survey*.

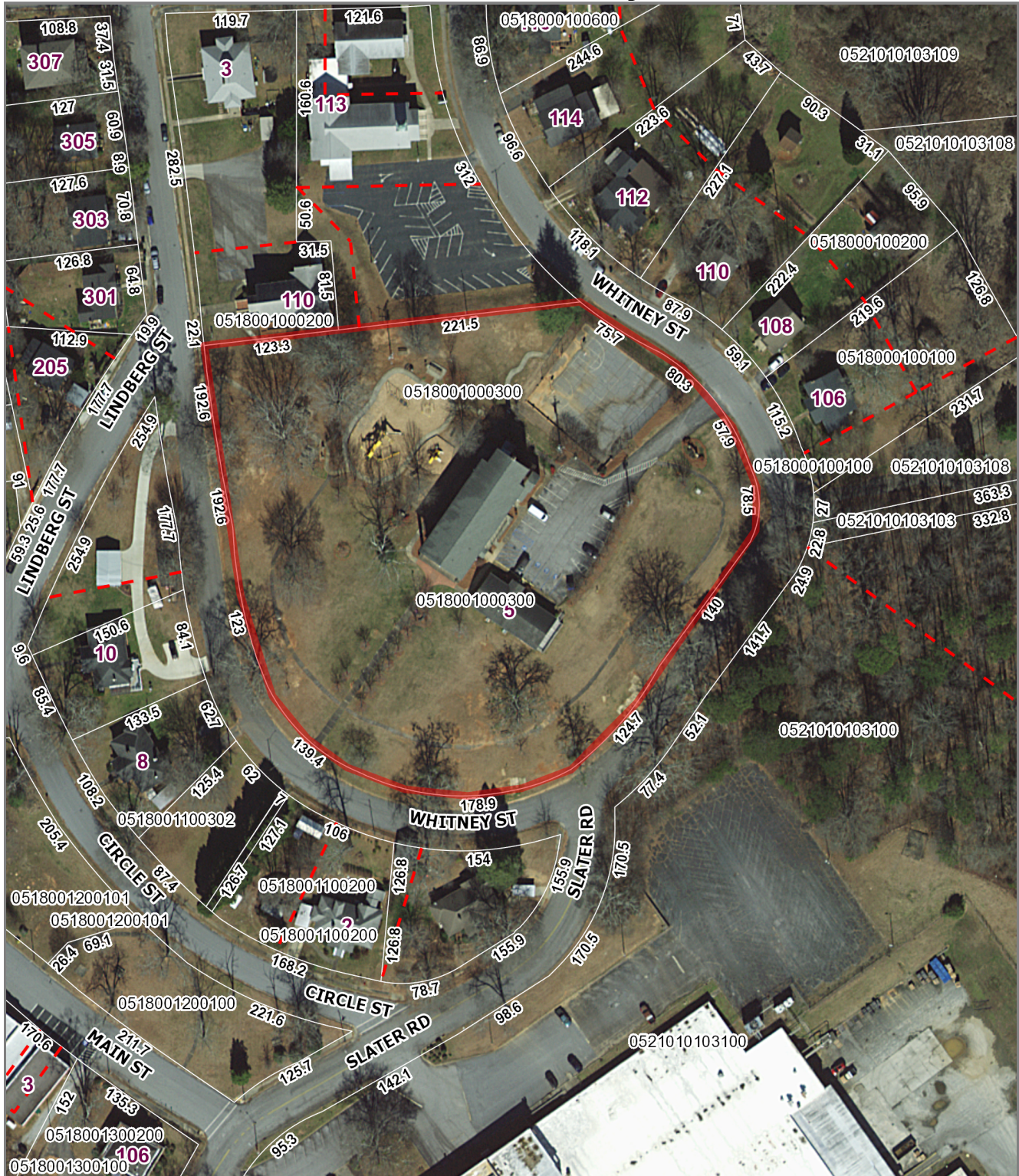
<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, 88.

<sup>3</sup> “Slater Hall Be Dedicated Today,” *The Greenville News* (Greenville, SC), April 28, 1934.

<sup>4</sup> “Dedicate Hall at Slater Mill,” *The Greenville News* (Greenville, SC), April 29, 1934.

<sup>5</sup> Angelia Davis, “Slater Hall may again be hub,” *The Greenville News* (Greenville, SC), October 24, 2005.

### Slater Hall Location Map



*Disclaimer: This Map is not a LAND SURVEY and is for reference purposes only. Data contained in this map are prepared for the inventory of Real Property found within this jurisdiction, and are compiled from recorded deeds, plats, and other public records. Users of this map are hereby notified aforementioned public primary information sources should be consulted for verification of the information contained in this map. Greenville County assumes no legal responsibility for the information contained in this map.*



Map Scale  
**1 inch = 133 feet**  
 4/20/2023