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Historic Randolph-Lucas House Being Prepared for Move to new Home in Ansley Park

ATLANTA (August 1, 2013) – The historic Randolph-Lucas House is being prepared for relocation from 2500 Peachtree Road in the Buckhead community of Atlanta to 78 Peachtree Circle in Atlanta’s historic Ansley Park neighborhood. Christopher Jones and Roger Smith, founders of NewTown Partners, have been working with the Buckhead Heritage Society, the 2500 Peachtree Condominium Association, the City of Atlanta, and other partners to coordinate the logistics of moving the structure, which is a locally designated Historic Building in the City of Atlanta. Jones and Smith will use the house as their primary residence once it is relocated to Ansley Park.

The historic home will be partially disassembled for its trip down Peachtree Road and will be reassembled on the Peachtree Circle site. The brick veneer will be removed from the building and transported separately to the Ansley Park lot. It will be cleaned and reinstalled after the wood-frame house is set on its new foundation. The slate shingles will also be removed and transported separately to the Peachtree Circle lot. The house will be split above the first floor and the roof will be hinged and lowered so that the house can be transported in two separate pieces. The maximum height of each section of the house will be 19 feet.

Last week, Complete Demolition Services began interior preparations for the relocation, including removing doors and baseboards on the second floor. These features have been systematically numbered to facilitate reinstallation. The contractor anticipates removing the brick next week.

Erica Danylchak, Executive Director of Buckhead Heritage, said, “Dismantling the structure and moving it in two separate pieces allows the building to avoid the vast majority of aerial conflicts along the Peachtree Road route. Fewer utility lines will need to be temporarily relocated than if the house were moved intact. This approach makes the project economically feasible and will significantly minimize disruption along the corridor.”

En route to its new location in Ansley Park, the house will cross over three bridges. A permit application has been submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the project and preliminary approval has been granted based on the house being partially dismantled. The removal of brick and slate significantly reduces the weight of the house. The weight of the house will be evenly distributed and meet the per axle weight requirements for transport over the bridges.

“Although moving a historic building intact is always preferred, partial disassembly is a tried and true preservation approach,” stated Wright Mitchell, President of Buckhead Heritage. “Our community benefits from two well-known examples of historic buildings, the Tullie Smith Farm and The Estate, formerly known as Anthony’s Restaurant, that were dismantled,

moved to Buckhead, and reassembled. We look forward to seeing the Randolph-Lucas House return to its former appearance within the compatible streetscape of Ansley Park.”

Jones and Smith have agreed to donate a preservation façade easement to the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, ensuring that the house can never be torn down and that all future exterior changes or additions follow preservation standards.

Although a specific date and time of day has not been set for the move, the project partners anticipate a summer relocation date.

This project was financed by Georgia Commerce Bank.

NewTown Partners is an Atlanta-based economic development consulting firm focusing on distressed historic resources.

The Buckhead Heritage Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, preserving, and promoting Buckhead’s historic resources. For more information on Buckhead Heritage and the Randolph-Lucas House relocation project, please visit www.buckheadheritage.com.

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