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## Atlanta board moves Randolph-Lucas case to November

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A condominium association's effort to demolish a historic Buckhead house was delayed Thursday when the Atlanta Board of Zoning Adjustment Committee voted at its meeting at City Hall to defer until this fall lawyer Hakim Hilliard's appeal of the city's Office of Buildings denial of a building permit.

The board voted unanimously to move the hearing of Hilliard's appeal to its November agenda in order to work out further agreements regarding demolition or preservation and relocation of the Randolph-Lucas House, which the condo association wants to demolish while preservationists urge it be saved. Representatives of both groups did not attend Thursday's meeting.

Hilliard, the lawyer representing the 2500 Peachtree Condominium Association Inc., requested the building permit in the spring from the Office of Buildings to demolish house, which sits in front of the condos at 2494 Peachtree Road.

The home was built in 1924 and in 1990 was named a historic building by the city of Atlanta's Urban Design Commission, according to the commission's website, and the condos were built in 1997.

Hilliard justified his request by stating the house was unsafe. However, the Office of Buildings disagreed and therefore denied the request.

"I think it's safe to say we cannot force the condo association to preserve and maintain the Lucas House. They've demonstrated they have no desire to do that," Buckhead Heritage Society president Wright Mitchell said at last month's NPU-B zoning committee meeting, where the committee recommended preserving the house.

However, Hilliard said at last month's meeting the condo association would give the society and other community members 30 days after they receive a permit to find a place for relocation before tearing the house down. If so, the association would apparently be willing to work together and provide necessary funds for the process.

"There's obviously a lot of interest in preserving this building," said NPU-B chair Sally Silver at last month's meeting. Silver said she began the mission of looking for a new location for the house and asked residents to get involved, too.

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