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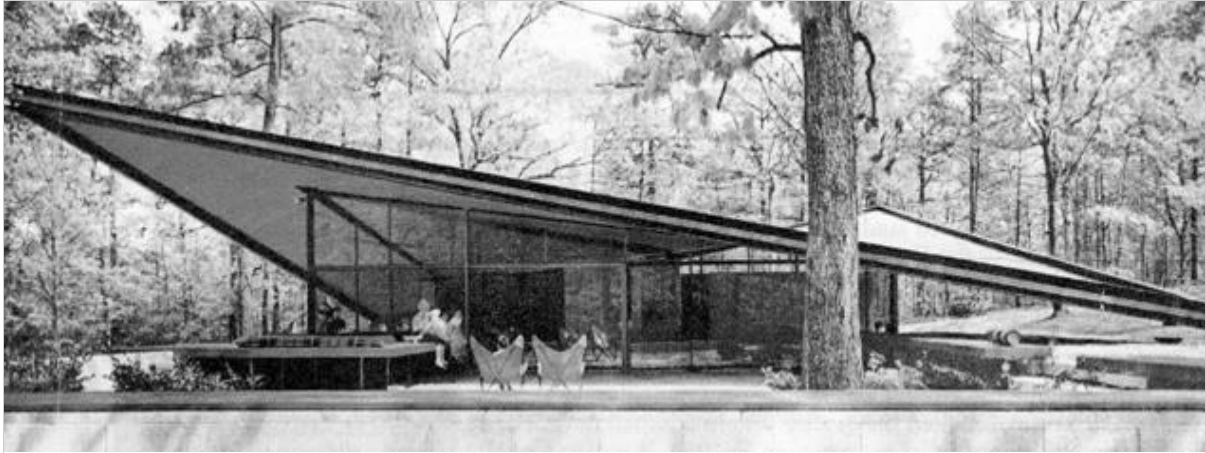


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Just when you thought it was safe ... the [Oakwood drama](#) has risen from the depths. But this time, instead of fighting one house, they are trying to eliminate ALL modern houses and even modern renovations in ALL the historic districts in Raleigh NC. On February 7, 2017, Oakwood residents **Gail Wiesner and her husband Dave, Don Beckham, Paula**



Hewitt, and Matthew Brown appeared before the Raleigh City Council concerning final approval of Developmental Guidelines for all Raleigh Historic Districts (not just Oakwood). Discussions on these guidelines have been going on **nearly ten years** with countless public hearings and RHDC (Raleigh Historic Development Committee) meetings. The guidelines were to have been finally approved at this Council meeting. However, the Oakwood group put forward a last-minute revision to eliminate any discretion on RHDC's part:

3.2.13 It is not appropriate to construct an addition that is starkly different from the original building in terms of architectural style.

3.3.13 It is not appropriate to construct a new building that is starkly different from nearby buildings that contribute to the special character of the historic district, in terms of architectural style, materials, form, size, massing, proportion, roof shape, or overall appearance.

The City Council wisely sent these last-minute revisions back to RHDC, the group who has been working on the development guidelines nearly ten years. The RHDC soundly voted against the revision and the matter will be discussed at Council (yet again) March 21. Stay tuned.



Matsumoto, left, with Joy West and Terry Waugh in 1945

You are invited to: **Raise a Glass to George Matsumoto: An Informal Memorial**, Monday, March 13, 4-5pm, Players Retreat, 105 Oberlin

Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Hosted by: **David Hill**, Interim Head of the School of Architecture, NC State College of Design; and **George Smart**,



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Sponsor Information Party, Wednesday, March 15, 6pm, at the bar at 21C Museum Hotel in downtown Durham. If you are looking to put your name or company in front of thousands of design-loving people, NCMH is your best return on investment to reach them. Our happy hour, movie, award, education, preservation, and other high-profile, widely-promoted events connect with the public who share your passion for Modernist architecture. Join us for drinks and learn about the benefits of sponsorship. Free! RSVP with name(s), company, and phone number to **Rebekah Laney**, rebekah@ncmodernist.org.



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Next Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, March 16, 6-8pm. Beyond Blue Interiors at North Hills, Raleigh. These exciting, informal happy hours are free and open to the public. We welcome Modernist homeowners, architects, artists, designers, realtors, engineers, contractors, property investors, building managers, materials and furniture dealers - or anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. 2017 T4A's are sponsored by realtor Lesley McAdams. Details.



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