

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Horry County Board of Architectural Review
) and Historical Preservation
COUNTY OF HORRY) March 18th, 2008**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday March 18th, 2008 in multi-purpose room C of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 3101 2nd Avenue Conway, SC. The following board members were present: Chairman, Mr. Joel Carter, Vice-chairman, Mr. David Douglas, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mrs. Sandy Carine, Mr. William Strydesky, Mr. William Long, Mr. Ben Burroughs, and Ms. Tamera Bergstrom. The following staff members were present: Adam Emrick, and Mrs. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Dr. Hercules Davis, Wilbert Lewis, Rosa Oliver-Pope, Tawnya Gray, and Brent Taylor.

In accordance with the SCFOIA, notices of the public meeting were sent to the press (and other interested persons and organizations requesting notification) providing the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting.

Mr. Carter called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. Mr. Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes of the SCDHAH training from February 21, 2008. Mr. Burroughs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Emrick announced that the Public Hearing was deferred to the April 15, 2008 meeting, due to failure of advertising the public meeting in the proper time frame.

OLD BUSINESS

Horry County Register of Historic Places

Status Update – Mr. Emrick announced to the Board that the first seven properties were now added to the Horry County Historic Register, including both swing bridges.

Newly Inventoried Properties – Mr. Emrick presented several new properties for the Board to consider adding to the register. He showed pictures and gave a brief description of each property. Each property was also included in each Board members packet. The new properties are as listed below.

- i. Aynor Lookout Tower
- ii. Bunker Hill Cemetery
- iii. State Cemetery
- iv. Pawley’s Swamp Church
- v. Gowens-Cochran Cemetery

Mr. Emrick mentioned that the Planning Department had been contacted by a Law Firm representing a significant property owner about what it means to have cemeteries placed on the register and can the cemeteries be moved. The firm had been told that the cemeteries can be moved if done in a correct manner.

Countywide Historic Survey – Mr. Emrick said the survey was not ready as of yet, he thought they were waiting for Brockington & Associates to finish a corridor survey and combine the two.

Galivants Ferry District – There was going to be a meeting with the family on March 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. concerning a district. Mr. Emrick said he would like for some of the members to attend if possible.

Green Sea District – Mr. Emrick said once they started something with the Galivants Ferry area, that they could start gathering information for the Green Sea area also.

NEW BUSINESS

WPDE Newscast on Cemetery Project – Mr. Emrick presented visual copies of the news cast that WPDE had presented on cemeteries being added to the historic register. Both segments showed the Board in a favorable light.

May is Preservation Month – Ideas – The Board discussed several ideas for preservation month, including recognition of different people with plaques, such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Mrs. Thompson for her work on the Parker Cemetery, Ed Thompson, and Ken Thrasher, also to recognize Ms. Autumn Perry or WPDE for their recognition and stories on the Board. Ms. Elaine Gore on the work she did on her home. After more discussion Mr. Douglas suggested that the Board members think about what they would like to accomplish and email Mr. Emrick with their ideas.

Washington/Vereen Marker Unveiling – Mr. Emrick said the marker was here and to have it erected in May for the preservation month. Mrs. Oehler mentioned that Mr. Wayne Vereen should be notified when the marker is scheduled to be erected.

Cemetery Preservation Brochure – Mr. Emrick showed the Board the cemetery preservation brochure that he came up with because some of the members from the cemetery subcommittee asked that something in writing be provided for guidance. He asked they look over the brochure and give their suggestions.

Cemetery Project GIS Update – Mr. Emrick demonstrated an early version of what the GIS mapping of the cemeteries will look like. He said anyone will be able to log onto the system and click on a cemetery icon and will be able to pull up a photo of the grave site, the epitaph and GPS coordinates. Eventually you will be able to search by name or location.

DISCUSSION

Vereen/Memorial Garden – Mr. Carter introduced Mr. Brent Taylor the Director of Horry County Parks and Recreation. They are going to be dedicating a new building for the C.B. Berry Building on

May 1, 2008. Mr. Taylor said the building will have some room for display and the Board could use some of this space for display.

Mr. Carter said one of the things that they had discussed was meeting at the Vereen Memorial Garden to see what kind of space they have for display. The Board decided to meet at 10:00 a.m. on March 25th 2008 at the Vereen Memorial Garden.

Brochures – Galivants Ferry Driving Brochures- Mrs. Oehler mentioned at the last meeting Mr. Emrick gave her 950 brochures to distribute. She distributed them to the students at the South Carolina Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, the Board members of the South Carolina Hall of Fame, and the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce. She went on to mention that Mr. Walter Edgar of the University of South Carolina was inducted to the South Carolina Hall of Fame.

Markers – Mr. Carter asked about trying to order a historic marker for Vereen Memorial Gardens and to solidify the information about the plantation and have it ready by May. Mr. Emrick said there was a freeze on any nonessential spending items at this time.

Historic Register of plaques – Mr. Burroughs said he questioned their decision of supplying plaques for everyone who was placed on the Horry County Historic Register. He suggested that the property owner be the one responsible for purchasing plaques for their property. Mr. Emrick said the only problem is that the first twenty seven recipients had been promised a plaque. The Board members discussed different suggestions, including the Board just giving a certificate to the people who have been placed on the register and allowing the property owners to purchase a plaque if wanted. Mr. Emrick also mentioned that they had asked for 50 plaques to be included in the Budget for next year. Mr. Strydesky suggested giving the first 50 plaques toward recipients then go on record of offering the recipient to purchasing there own. The Board members discussed the issue more without revolving the issue. Mr. Emrick said he would put it on next month’s agenda and give the Board more time to think about the issue.

Trimming Trees by the DOT- Mr. Burroughs brought to the Boards attention the trimming of trees with DOT along county and state roads. He informed the Board of an auto accident that occurred on Hwy 905 that spurred this action by DOT. He mentioned he did not have a problem with them trimming the trees but the manner in which the trees where trimmed, they have damaged the integrity of the trees, especially the oak trees. He feels the Board should do something toward this matter. Mr. Carter suggested drafting a resolution. After some discussion as to what the resolution should say they asked Mr. Emrick to write it up and email them with the wording.

Email resolution sent to members: March 19, 2008 –There are currently Live Oak Trees being trimmed or pruned by the Department of Transportation that meet the qualifications to be considered as Historic under the current ordinance. The Board of Architectural Review strongly opposes these actions to the extent that they go beyond the limits of any safe, healthy pruning for proper road clearance without the oversight of a certified arborist.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.

With no further business Mr. Burroughs made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Adam Emrick, Senior Planner