

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) **Horry County Board of Architectural Review**
) **and Historical Preservation**
 COUNTY OF HORRY) **June 16, 2009**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday June 16, 2009 in conference room B of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2nd Avenue Conway, SC. The following board members were present: Mr. Ben Burroughs, Ms. Tamera Bergstrom, Mr. William Long, Mrs. Elaine Gore, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mrs. Sandy Carine, and Mr. Bill Strydesky. Staff members present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement, and Vicki Stone. Guests present: Margaret Sheler, and Tawnya Gray.

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. In accordance to the Horry County Ordinance a minimum of a twenty-one day notice was given.

Mr. Burroughs called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. A valid quorum was verified for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Burroughs asked to change the St. Joseph’s Cemetery section on page two concerning the slaves buried in the cemetery to slaves or former slaves were buried there. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS

The Moore Building – 1119 3rd Avenue, Conway – Mr. Emrick informed the Board of the Historic Preservation Certification Application of the Moore Building in downtown Conway for special tax assessment. Mr. Emrick gave a description of the renovation which included pictures. The Board discussed what was at the site originally, what was proposed, and what was approved by the City of Conway. Mr. Emrick disclosed that the only original part of the facade had been taken down and since there were no pictures of the original building, the Board came to a conclusion. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to deny the application to make this building as a historic edifice to qualify as a tax assessment evaluation. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Horry County Register of Historic Places Discussion

Status Update – Mr. Adam Emrick explained sixty-eight properties had been added to the Horry County Historic Property Register and an additional thirty-three properties have been forwarded to the Infrastructure and Regulation Committee. It will be discussed by the I & R committee beginning in July.

B. Newly Inventoried Properties

1. Mr. Calvary No. 1 Baptist Church Cemetery
2. Mt. Calvary School
3. Harrelson-Stevens Cemetery

Mr. Emrick gave a brief overview of each property which included video footage with the recently purchased video camera. As the video played Mr. Emrick gave some additional information. The video also included an interview with Ms. Ernestine Allen.

C. Ground Penetrating Radar Updates - Mr. Emrick informed the Board that they had taken the ground penetrating radar to the Martin Cemetery, State Branch Cemetery, St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery and the St. Peter AME Church Cemetery. They were able to locate numerous additional unmarked graves at each location including an impressive 52 additional graves at the St. Peter AME Church Cemetery.

D. Countywide Historic Survey Update - Mr. Emrick said he had spoken to Staci Richey with New South Associates and the survey should be placed in the mail this week. Hopefully we will be receiving a copy of it this week. The indexes to the pictures are done in a newer version of Microsoft than the County office has access to; therefore Mr. Emrick said he cannot access the file. They are trying to get Mr. Emrick a different version so he can have access to the index.

E. Historic Districts – Mr. Emrick mentioned they had been working on something for Little River and he had been working on something for Wampee in his head. He has not heard anything from Galivants Ferry. Nothing official has been put in place.

F. 1988 Historic Property Survey – Report from Staff - Mr. Emrick said he had done some review work to the 1988 survey, and included some examples of the survey on page 35, 36, and 37 of the handout. He pointed out the use of two different names on some of the properties, old addresses verses current addresses, and actual location and descriptions of the properties. He said he would like to update the new survey with some of the descriptions from the old survey and most importantly point out that nearly 30 % of the properties from the 1988 survey are no longer there.

G. Public Meetings, etc. – Mr. Emrick gave a review of the meetings that have happened since the last meeting plus upcoming meetings. He reviewed the scanning event with the HC Museum; he went over what was currently happening in Little River, and the use of the GPR unit at Cedar Bay Baptist Church Cemetery. He let Mrs. Gore explain the upcoming event at the Hammond-Edmonds House on June 19th. She explained that the HC Parks and Recreation has a summer children's program and she has 350 children coming Friday for a History Festival which will include things that could be done in the 1800's. There will be a Civil War reenactment, the girls will be able to make a corn doll, and the boys will be able to make a kite. They will be able to play games such as jack rocks and marbles. She invited all to come. Mr. Emrick also mentioned he will be talking at the Horry County Historical society on July 12th and the SC Digital Library will be having a meeting on July 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Little River – Register Outreach –Little River has been very active in trying to pursue Historic registry for the Litter River area. They are a little frustrated that no one has actually gone though with placing any properties on the Historic Register, so Mr. Emrick said he went door to door last Friday and spoke to a few people. He talked to Mr. Edward Murray of the Parson’s Table and Mr. Murray is interested in placing the Parson’s Table on the register.

Training with the State – Mr. Emrick contacted Jennifer Satterthwaite with the SC Department of Archives and History concerning more training opportunities for the Board. He mentioned that Conway Main Street was interested in partnering with the Board and Jennifer suggested a Window Work shop that would involve going out in the field and perhaps how to restore them. The Board decided to set a date for August 25th for a training date and July 28th as a backup date.

Mr. Emrick also received a copy of Mr. C.B. Berry’s last unpublished book, the History of Little River. The copy had been given to him by Mr. Berry’s widow. He said he would make copies for the Board if he was given permission to by her.

Mr. Burroughs asked if he could request Mr. Emrick and staff take the GPR devise to Withers Cemetery located in Myrtle Beach. He said recently someone brought a copy of the minutes from a DAR meeting from 1931. Within the minutes it indicated someone had marked the grave of Colonel Withers. He said that Mr. Joel Allen with channel PDE 15 was interested in the GPR devise and this seems to be an opportune time. The Board agreed to pursue this further. Mr. Emrick will notify the Board of date and time.

Mr. Emrick reminded the Board that he next meeting will be August 18th 2009 at 2:30 PM and there will be an Election of Officers at that meeting.

With no further business, Mrs. Oehler made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bergstrom seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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ATTEST:

Adam Emrick, Senior Planner