



**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

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Joel Carter, Chairman

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William "Bill" Long

**ATTEST:**

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Roy Taylor, Principal Planner

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Horry County Board of Architectural Review  
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COUNTY OF HORRY ) **Tuesday June 27, 2007**

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Wednesday June 27, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. at the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 3101 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Conway, SC. The following committee members were present: Chairman Mr. Joel Carter, Vice-chairman, Mr. David Douglas, Mr. Bill Long and Mr. Randall Graham. The following staff members were present: Principal Planner, Roy Taylor, and Admin. Asst. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Mrs. Sandy Carine, Elizabeth Johnson with the SC Dept. of Archives & History in the State Preservation Office, Jennifer Revels, the CLG coordinator with the SC Dept. of Archives & History, Brad Sauls of the SC Dept. of Archives & History, Supervisor of the National Register & Survey Programs and Grant Programs.

In accordance with the SCFOIA, notices of the 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. Joel Carter called the meeting to order at 1:35 P. M. Mr. Bill Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes available to approve.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Galivants Ferry Brochure** - Mr. Taylor mentioned through a lot work from the Board members and from a variety of people, the brochure is finished. The Board should receive twenty thousand copies next Friday. Mr. Carter explained in more detail about the Galivants Ferry Brochure and the different Historic brochures the Board has already produced.

Preserve America Application – **Mr. Carter asked about the Preserve America Application. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that the application has been completed and accepted. The only thing left is to await approval. Once confirmed, Mr. Taylor said he would inform the Board.**

## NEW BUSINESS

County Council Appointment of Austin Randall Graham to the BAR - **Mr. Taylor let the Board know that Mr. Graham has just recently been appointed and that he would be sending information including all the by-laws and responsibilities of the Board to Mr. Graham. The Board members welcomed Mr. Graham to the Board.**

**Special Property Assessments for Rehabilitative Historic Property** – Mr. Taylor informed the Board that this ordinance was not new, but that it had been revised to meet South Carolina code. The Board does have the ability to grant special property tax assessments to real property that qualifies as rehabilitative historic properties. Mr. Taylor handed out a copy of the revised ordinance that went to County Council last night and was voted on and is now law.

Mr. Carter asked Mr. Taylor to explain, because he was not aware of this until it showed up on the agenda. Mr. Taylor said that it already an existing ordinance but was now being updated. It was really an encouragement as a tax incentive through the Horry County tax level to assist the Board's mission to help preserve Historic properties and give incentive to the owner of the property. Mr. Taylor gave out copies of the ordinance and briefly went over the ordinance with the Board.

**Mrs. Sandra L. Carine, Rediscovering the Mill Swamp School** – Mrs. Carine handed out a printed copy of a power point presentation of the Mill Swamp School project along with pictures. She gave a brief history of the school including how the school was setup and what was done to restore the school. She had applied for the History Channel's grant "Save Our History", which included support from the Horry County Board of Architectural Review. The Boards involvement would include having the Board members at the Reunion party in September or October and having the Board members at the unveiling of the Historic Marker. Every thing else as they go along would be submitted to the Board. Mrs. Carine included a copy of the budget and of the grant application.

There were some questions asked by the Board and Mr. Taylor, which included the Board's responsibility with the grant, and the local schools involvement with the program.

Mr. Davis made a motion to support the Mill Swamp School project. Mr. Long seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION

**Discussion from the SC Department of Archives and History** – Mrs. Revel mentioned that she was here in May advising the Board they were undergoing their four-year evaluation for their Certified Local Government program. Mrs. Revel said part of that process was reviewing their annual reports they have submitted, looking at their activities over the past four years.

She mentioned that in the past year especially she saw where the Board seemed to be frustrated in its inability to designate any Historic properties. She said she would like to hear from the Board as to how they felt.

Mr. Carter said he felt that the Board hadn't received the support that they should have received. He mentioned several things that supported his feelings. Mr. Carter said he felt it was a misstatement of the intent of the Board to be appointed to make designations and then not be supported in a meaningful

way. The Board has identified property and has had people to say they would like to have their property on the local registrar but when the Board has asked to have that take place, it hasn't happened.

Mrs. Revel said she admits they understand that designation is difficult on a County level. She also mentioned they have noticed the Board is doing and is quite successful in doing, are educational programs including the brochures, but of course, that doesn't match up with what the Board's ordinance empowers them to do. Mrs. Revel said one of the critical components with the CLG program is the designation. If it were not happening then they would have to consider in a year or so of starting the process of decertifying the Board. They would like to see some properties designated in the next twelve months.

Mr. Carter said he felt if they had some support, they would be able to accomplish that. Mr. Douglas mentioned there was some confusion as far as the enforceability of the ordinance was concerned and the design standards and they discussed this matter in some detail.

Mr. Taylor asked the Board if it would be acceptable to the Board if they cancel the July meeting and schedule next meeting for August.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

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