STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)) COUNTY OF HORRY)

Horry County Board of Architectural Review and Historical Preservation November 17, 2009

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday November 17, 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: Chairperson, Joel Carter, Vice Chairperson, Elaine Gore, Ben Burroughs, Bill Strydesky, William Long, and Tamera Bergstrom. Staff members present: Adam Emrick, Christopher Klement, Janet Carter and Vicki Stone. Guests present: John Cassidy, Michael Leinwand, and Joe Henderson.

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. Carter called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM. A valid quorum was verified for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Bill Strydesky made a motion to approve the minutes for September 23, 2009. William Long seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Long gave the invocation.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS - None

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of rejected Special Tax Assessment Determination for 1119 3rd Avenue – Mr. Emrick briefed the Board on the property at 1119 3rd Avenue and included in the Board's packet the original application, as well as the letter from Mayor Lawson, the minutes from the June 16th meeting, as well as pictures of the building before renovation and after renovation. He said he had reviewed the B.A.R.'s Ordinance and there were no mechanisms in the Ordinance for a reconsideration or not, and if the Board would like to open a reconsideration he suggested that the reconsideration be placed on the January agenda. He said any questions the Board may have Mr. John Cassidy, one of the owners of the business at 1119 3rd Avenue in Conway, was present, as well as Joe Henderson, the Zoning Administrator for City of Conway, and Michael Leinwand the Director of Planning for the City of Conway.

Mr. Cassidy said the rendering of the facility as well as the actual renovation of the building was done with consideration of what was historically there as well as surrounding historical architectural designs. The original column was intended to be included in the building, but was not structurally sound and for safety reasons had to be taken down. The column was replaced with brick in the same place, but they could not save the original column.

Mr. Henderson briefed the Board on the history of the decision of the application for the building. He said the application that Mr. Cassidy submitted fell under the old ordinance. City Council issued their approval on March 23rd 2009, and it went before the City Appearance Board there after on May 13th 2009. Between the times the C.A.B. issued their approval on May 13th and the time it was reviewed by the B.A.R. they were approached with the demolition scenario, upon finding out that the original elements of the façade had been taken down, they issued a stop work order and it went back to the C.A.B. for consideration because the scope of the project had changed. The C.A.B. re-reviewed the project taking into consideration the decay of the footers along the front facade and understood that the wall had to be removed for the safety purposes, and determined that the initial finding was still true, that the facility was a contributing property to a square within a historic district. The space was being reused even though original faced was not saved.

The Board members discussed matters concerning whether they should consider a reconsideration of the property, which included, whether the building should be considered to be 50 years or older, whether it the building is a renovation or historic preservation, whether it meets the B.A.R.'s criteria for a tax incentive, is the building a contributing property to a historic square and what is meant by a contributing property to a historic square and what is meant by a contributing property to a historic square, whether they should defer their decision to the City, and the precedence their decision may set.

Tamera Bergstrom made a motion to add it to the January meeting. Elaine Gore seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Bill Strydesky and Ben Burroughs voted no.

Horry County Register of Historic Places Discussion – Mr. Emrick said there were 101 that have been added to the Horry County Historic Property Register with 19 properties pending.

Newly Inventoried Properties – Mr. Emrick reviewed the newly inventoried properties including property name, owner, address, parcel number, and description of the property. Below is a list of the properties.

- 1. Murrells Cemetery
- 2. Joyner Cemetery
- 3. Old Chesterfield Cemetery
- 4. Live Oak Cemetery

- 5. Chestnut Cemetery
- 6. Platt Cemetery
- 7. Montgomery Cemetery
- 8. Branton Cemetery

Historic Districts – Mr. Emrick said there was no current information on the districts but that he would keep them on the agenda to keep the Board abreast of anything new.

Attendance Report (Handout) – Report from Staff - Mr. Emrick said he had given the board a report on attendance, Mr. Graham had not attended any of his mandatory orientation. Mr. Emrick said he could write a memo to County Council informing them he is no longer qualified and have County Council formally remove him, or the other alternative would be if Mr. Carter would give Mr. Graham a call to see if he would be interested in resigning. Mr. Carter said yes he would give Mr. Graham a call. Mr. Emrick also reviewed the attendance bylaws.

Public Meetings, etc. – Mrs. Gore said they had 386 people to show up to the Hammond-Edmond's House Event, all seniors of which the oldest person there being 93. She said it was a very good turn out.

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Mr. Emrick said he attended the Pee Dee Chapter of the SC Genealogical Society in Marion on November 8th and there were approximately 50 people in attendance. He mentioned an attendee from Tennessee said they would like to enact a cemetery project in their state similar to what we have done.

NEW BUSINESS

SCDAH Training – Historic Districts – December 11^{th} , 2009 – 10:00 AM MP Room B – Mr. Emrick said there will be a training course offered on December 11^{th} 2009, worth 3 continuing education credits. Ben Burroughs and Elaine Gore need to attend. Mr. Carter suggested any of the Board members interested may want to attend.

Mr. Burroughs mentioned the George Whitfield marker that the Board had new text approved through the SC Department of Archives and have not purchased for of lack of funds. He received a phone call from Randy Graham with the Department of Transportation, and apparently they have the old marker that was missing. Someone had brought them the old marker, which had been knocked down, for them to hold onto. He said he had copies of the old text and he feels like the new text is much better, but he felt that the Board needed to know that the old sign is still available to them. He suggested they place the old marker temporarily until they find the funds to purchase a new one. He said he would research a location to replace the old marker and get back with the Board.

With no further business, Elaine Gore made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Strydesky seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Joel Carter, Chairman

Elaine Gore

William "Bill" Long

Sandra Carine

Tamera Bergstrom

Bill Strydesky

ATTEST:

Austin Randall Graham

David Douglas

Ben Burroughs

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