The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Thursday November 20, 2007 at 12:30 PM in multi-purpose room D of the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 3101 2nd Avenue Conway, SC. The following board members were present: Chairman, Mr. Joel Carter, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mr. Bill Long, Mr. David Douglas, Mr. Randall Graham, Mrs. Sandy Carine, Mr. Ben Burroughs, Mrs. Elaine Gore and Ms. Tamera Bergstrom. The following staff members were present: Senior Planner, Adam Emrick, and Admin. Asst., Mrs. Vicki Stone.

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Mr. Carter called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the minutes for October 25th 2007. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Long made a motion to approve the minutes for October 16th 2007. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Preserve America Recap- Mr. Emrick recapped the Preserve America presentation. The presentation was very nice. The Board was given a sign to be placed in the County. Mr. Burroughs asked if the sign could be attached along with an existing Horry County sign instead of putting up a new post. Mr. Emrick said that could be done. The Board members were pleased with the Preserve America designation.

Horry County Register of Historic Places- Cemeteries- Mr. Emrick had another list of cemeteries for the Board to consider, composed of the following: Hammond Cemetery, Sharon Baptist Church Cemetery, Bryan Cemetery, Stalvey Cemetery, Hammond-Bullard Cemetery, JW Chestnut Cemetery, Folly Cemetery, and the Graveyard Branch Cemetery. Mr. Emrick gave a brief description and history for each cemetery. The public hearing for the cemeteries will be on January 15th at 11:30 in the Horry County Government and Justice Center

Historic Plaques – Vote on Ordering – Mr. Emrick presented a web page of different of Historic Plaques from the Franklin Bronze & Alloy Co. Inc. He presented the Board with three quotes from three different companies. The Board looked at different sizes and shapes. The Board members discussed different shapes and engravings. They also discussed plaques for different sizes such as for cemeteries, buildings, and open sites. They discussed monument type signs, metal signs, and plaques.

The Board members asked Mr. Emrick if he could bring some mock ups with logos and background images for them to consider before they took a vote.

Budget Recap- Mr. Emrick reviewed the budget the Board had discussed at a previous meeting. The Board members asked a few questions and gave Mr. Emrick their approval to submit the proposed budget to the County Council.

CLG Annual Report – Resumes REQUIRED (bios will not work) – Mr. Emrick said that he needed a resume from the Board members. The Board members asked what type of information was needed and Mr. Emrick explained.

Countywide Historic Survey Update – Mr. Emrick announced that the Historic Survey was complete, but that he did not have the survey in hand. He was hoping to have the survey within the next two weeks.

Cemetery Committee – Mr. Emrick said there were seven people interested in working on the Committee. There is going to be a meeting on January 8th 2008, in the Horry County Government and Justice Center at 12:00. He said the Committee was to help in the inventory and then to help with maintenance. Mr. Emrick explained that this meeting is for volunteers, but that the Board members were welcome to come and serve if they wanted.

Replacement marker for the Jeremiah Vereen sign –Mr. Emrick gave a copy of the language of the existing marker and the changed version that Mr. Burroughs had submitted to the Board members. Mr. Burroughs explained the changes he had made to the language of the existing marker and why. Mr. Burroughs also said that he thought that he had figured out were the original house was standing and that the Board could place the marker in the correct spot now, whereas the marker was in an incorrect spot. The Board members approved of the changes made. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the revised script and to purchase a replacement marker. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – Mr. Emrick said that there had been an error on the web site brochure. The Stone house is placed on the Little River brochure. Mr. Carter said that it needed to be removed, that they had already removed it from the Little River brochure. Mr. Emrick said he would have it removed off of the web site.

Mr. Carter also mentioned a list for the Historic markers for the Historic districts.

Mr. Carter thanked the new Board members for there willingness to serve. He said that there is still one more available slot, if any one knows of someone who is interested.

With no further business Mrs. Oehler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

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Mr. Carter called the meeting to order at 11:30 PM. Mr. Long gave the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing – Mr. Carter opened the meeting by welcoming new members Tamera Bergstrom and Elaine Gore. He also introduced himself and other members of the Board to the public. He then introduced the first item on the agenda which was the addition of the Socastee Swing Bridge to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Emrick gave a brief description of the resolution and history of the Socastee Swing Bridge.

Mr. Carter opened the floor to the public. Mr. Bill Matheson gave several reasons why the bridge should not be placed on the Horry County Register including some of the following; the cost of maintenance for the bridge, the cost of actual operation of the bridge, long term impact of keeping the choke point on the Intercoastal Waterway, national movement to reduce pollution of trucks off of highways and to help in this matter to move freight to the waterways and rails, and the bridges cause too much restriction of waterway traffic. He asked to move the bridge off to the side.

Mrs. Susan Allen suggest either leaving the Socastee Bridge perpetually open or to move it to the side of the waterway. The bridge is a safety hazard to barges and large boats that travel the Intercoastal Waterway.

Mr. Carter informed the members of the public that the Board could not tell the Highway Department what to do with the bridges. The only thing the Board can do is recognize the Historical Significance of the bridge.

Mr. Matheson said yes, but if the Board decides to place the Bridge on the local historic register it would be adding a layer of protection to the bridge. Mr. Burroughs mentioned that the bridge was already on the National Historic Register, that they were only recognizing it locally.

Mr. Carter said it is another layer of review, but if it were to come to the Board for review, it also gives the citizens of Horry County the opportunity to voice an opinion. After further discussion between Board members and the public, the Board decided that it was their duty to recognize property for its Historic Significance and it was up to the Horry Council to approve or disapprove the resolutions.

Mr. Burroughs made a motion that the Board of Architectural Review and Historic Preservation approve adding the Socastee Swing Bridge to the Horry County Historic Property Register as an individual historic property. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carter asked if Ms. Allen was here regarding the Anderson Cemetery that they would discuss it next for her convenience. Mr. Emrick gave a brief description of the Anderson Cemetery. Mr. Burroughs asked if Ms. Allen was the owner of the Anderson Cemetery and how did she feel regarding placing the cemetery on the register. Ms. Allen was opposed to placing the Cemetery on the Horry County Historic Register. She gave several reasons which included, her not being able to sell her property because of the cemetery being on the register; not sure where the cemetery boundaries really are and how much of the property the cemetery would actually take of her property, and did not want visitors accessing her property due to the publicity the cemetery would bring by being on the register. The Board members and Mr. Emrick explained to Ms. Allen that federal law already protects cemeteries from being destroyed, that she or any developer could not build on any existing cemeteries, that state law already provides family access to the cemetery, and that having the cemetery on the Horry County Historic Register may actually be an asset to her property.

Ms. Allen still was opposed to placing the property on the register. The Board discussed the cemetery in some detail and decided to move it forward for Council to make a final decision.

Mr. Burroughs made a motion to add the Anderson Cemetery to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to add the Little River Swing Bridge to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bill Long made a motion to add the Vereen Memorial Gardens to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mrs. Oehler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Douglas made a motion to add the Marlow Cemetery to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Burroughs made a motion to add the Prince's Creek Cemetery to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Oehler made a motion to add the Booth Cemetery to the Horry County Register of Historic Places. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the public meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

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