STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) Horry County Board of Architectural Review and Historical Preservation
COUNTY OF HORRY) September 18, 2007

The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, September 18, 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: Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Douglas, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, Mrs. Sandy Carine, Mr. Randall Graham, and Mr. Ben Burroughs. The following staff members were present: Senior Planner, Adam Emrick, Senior Planner, Christopher Klement, IT's GIS Web Programmer, Nicole Rocke, and Admin. Asst., Mrs. Vicki Stone. Guest present: Mr. Robert W. Hill IV with the Horry County Museum.

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. Douglas called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Mrs. Tempe Oehler led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board members reviewed the minutes for June 4th and June 27th of 2007. Mrs. Oehler made corrections on the June 27th minutes under the section Preserve America Application for the word complete to be changed to completed, on the second page under Mrs. Sandra L. Carine third sentence to eliminate the word did, the second paragraph under the same heading, to change the word question to questions, and in the last paragraph on page two, to change the word were to was. Mrs. Oehler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mrs. Carine seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

Mr. Douglas asked for everyone to briefly introduce themselves. The Board welcomed Mr. Ben Burroughs who was the newest member to be appointed.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of some old business- Mr. Douglas had asked Mrs. Carine for an update on her grant application for the Mill Swamp School, which they discussed and suggested some other areas for Mrs. Carine to seek grant help. Mr. Douglas also asked about the 315 Main Street building, whether or not the Board was going to let Conway take lead on the building? Mr. Emrick explained that the ordinance states the Board has deference. The Board can let Conway dictate approval for them or they can have the leeway to say what Conway is doing is sufficient for them as long as Conway keeps the Board advised of any changes.

Review and Vote on updated By-Laws- Mr. Emrick presented amended copies of the By-Laws for the Board members to review. Mr. Douglas asked if there were any significant changes made. Mr. Emrick went over the major changes. Mr. Douglas mentioned that since two of the Board members were not present that they would like to defer approval until the next meeting.

Horry County Register of Historic Places

- 1. Socastee Swing Bridge (Vote needed)
- 2. Little River Swing Bridge (Vote needed)
- 3. Vereen Memorial Gardens (Vote needed)
- 4. Cemeteries (Discussion Only)

Mr. Douglas asked if the vote was actually placing the first three above items on the Horry County Register for the first time. Mr. Emrick said this is not for placement on the register but for Mr. Emrick to proceed with notifying the property owners that the Board is going to have a public hearing at the next meeting on adding these as the first three on the Historic Register.

Mr. Douglas asked what it means to designate a Horry County Historic District. Mr. Emrick said there are two separate issues. To designate a historic property means the property only goes before Horry County Council for approval. To designate a historic district; the district has to go before Planning Commission before it goes before the Council. So it will be easier to designate individual properties. Mr. Douglas asked once something was placed on the register what would be the Board's responsibility. Mr. Emrick explained that if a property owner has a piece of property that is on the local register, before they make any changes to the exterior of the building they would have to come before the BAR to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness. Mr. Douglas asked if the guidelines the Board uses would be the same as the Department of Interior Standards. Mr. Emrick said that is correct, but the Board can adopt separate standards if the Board wants to.

The Board took a vote for Mr. Emrick to proceed with the public hearing on the Socastee Swing Bridge, Little River Swing Bridge, and Vereen Memorial Gardens. The Board approved all three properties.

Cemeteries - Mr. Emrick felt that cemeteries should be protected and there shouldn't be as much political argument over protecting cemeteries. He had contacted New South and out of over a hundred and twenty cemeteries they had recorded, New South would recommend four of those to be placed on the National Register. He has also contacted Sons of the Confederate Veterans who has their own inventory list of cemeteries which they have given him a copy. They have inventoried one hundred and forty six cemeteries that contain six hundred and fourteen Confederate soldiers for whom they have found grave markers. Mr. Emrick said it is a tall order to get these cemeteries listed but he could not articulate a reason not to designate a Historic cemetery and he is in the process of inventorying these cemeteries. Mr. Burroughs mentioned that he had started work on an inventory while he was with the Historical Society and they have over 230 cemeteries cataloged. He would get that information to Mr. Emrick.

Mr. Emrick would like to get a subcommittee to take care of the cemeteries. Mr. Burroughs said that the Historical Society would be a good group to contact for help with caring for the cemeteries.

The Board members thought it was an excellent idea. The Board discussed the criteria for designating cemeteries and decided that fifty years old is a good starting place. The Board members thought it would be a good idea to get combined the separate list, cross reference those list and start with that.

Bi-Monthly financial Update – Mrs. Stone made a financial sheet for the Board members to review their spending on a monthly basis.

Rules of Procedure – Discussion – Mr. Emrick said this goes hand and hand with the by-laws. He mentioned a few things in the procedures that he had changed. The Board discussed more of the Boards responsibilities for maintenance and categorizing. Mrs. Oehler suggested that the Board wait to vote on this along with the By-Laws.

Website Update – Nichole Rocke – There was copies of what the brochures looked like on the web page for the Board to examine along with a computer display for the Board to view. She showed the Board what was already on the web page and discussed some of the things she was still working on. Mrs. Rocke said she thought it would be a good idea to show which properties were open to public viewing and which properties were private. She discussed some things she had added such as the agendas and minutes, some things she would like to see added and some different links she will attach to the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

Training Video – Is Historic Preservation Green? The training video is cancelled for today because Mr. Carter is not here to setup. Mr. Douglas suggested that what ever date is set; the Board should meet at 11:00 for viewing the video, with the scheduled meeting to follow.

Membership – Mr. Douglas said he was very pleased with the way the membership is growing. He mentioned the Board is still looking for three more members. Mr. Burroughs said a Mr. Carlisle Dawsey is interested and would be a good candidate. Mrs. Oehler said that a Ms. Ann Richardson may be interested. Mr. Hill said Mr. John Rueben Long may be interested.

CAMP Training coordination - Mr. Carter, Mrs. Carine and Mr. Emrick will be attending CAMP training in Columbia. The Board members asked about training and how much was expected of them. There was some confusion as to what they had already obtained and how much more they needed. Mr. Emrick said they needed more training focused on historical preservation.

Mr. Burroughs asked about the Jeremiah Vereen Historical marker. He said it seemed the text on the marker that the Historical Society had was incorrect and he had submitted new text that he would like to see on the new marker. Mr. Emrick said the Board has already applied a lot of work towards the Jeremiah Vereen marker and should pursue finishing it, but before they provide any more work toward markers in general, they should focus on getting properties placed on the local register.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2007 at 11:00 AM.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

	Joel Carter, Chairman
David Douglas	Tempe Oehler
William "Bill" Long	Austin Randall Graham
Sandra Carine	Ben Burroughs
ATTEST:	
Adam Emrick Senior Planner	