STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	**)**	**Horry County Comprehensive Plan**
	)	**Steering Committee Meeting**
COUNTY OF HORRY	**)**	**Thursday, January 12, 2006**

The Horry County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 3:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room C located at Horry County Government & Justice Center located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway. The following committee members were present: Fred Richardson, Charles Dawsey, Julie Harbin, Ibrahim Aborsey Ashie, Sammy Johnson, Paul Dusenbury, Greg Lipscomb, Felix Pitts, Chris Carrillo, Greg Hyman, Tamera Bergstrom, and Shirley Martin. Staff present included James Bischof, Whitney Hodges, Ravin Gore, and Nancy Tindall. John Zilinsky was also present.

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.

Chairman Fred Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes – After reviewing the revised minutes distributed by staff, a motion was made to approve and Paul Dusenbury seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

James Bischof introduced Ravin Gore.

2006 Calendar – Mr. Bischof reviewed the 2006 Calendar of meetings. Paul Dusenbury made motion to adopt the calendar and Julie Harbin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT - Whitney Hodges gave a brief overview of the Cultural Resources Element. Julie Harbin made motion to adopt and Greg Lipscomb seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING BACKGROUND – Whitney Hodges reviewed the Housing Element. She discussed the number of building permits issued, census divisions, and housing mix. She discussed vacancy rates and wages needed to afford various housing in Horry County. Ms. Hodges stated that 27.4% of Horry County residents are living with cost burden. Greg Lipscomb mentioned there were 700 people on the Habitat for Humanity waiting list. There was much discussion regarding the population with special needs and the homeless. According to statistics, Horry County has the largest homeless population in South Carolina, with 30-40% of this group living west of the waterway.

Ms. Hodges explained this information would be sent to the Housing Technical Committee, and final discussions would be on the March agenda.

VISION STATEMENT – After discussing the difference in the words, the committee decided to change “preserving” to “conserving.” Julie Harbin made motion to adopt the vision statement with this revised wording and Sammy Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hodges announced the Horry County Arts Council would meet on January 17, 2006 at Coastal Carolina University, if anyone were interested in attending.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2006. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.