

**HORRY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION MEETING**

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**Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 2:30 PM  
1301 Second Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Public Input**

**IV. Minutes**

- A. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2021 meeting

**V. New Business**

- A. Grier/Cox Ferry Historic Marker

**VI. Board Discussion**

- A. Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony – May 18, 2021
- B. Legacy Business
- C. Cemetery Project Update – Brenda Long

**VII. Announcements**

- A. Next Meeting – June 15, 2021

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COUNTY OF HORRY )

Horry County Historic  
Preservation Commission  
March 16, 2021 Meeting

The Horry County Historic Preservation Commission met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Horry County Government and Justice Center at 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Conway, SC. The following Commission members were present: Jamie Thompkins, Brenda Long, Susan Platt, Bill Strydesky and Katherine Fuller. Members absent: Joel Carter, David Stoudenmire and Gerry Wallace. Staff present: Lou Conklin, Nancy Tindall, Ashley Cowen, David Jordan, and Valeria Vargas. Visitors present: Robert Lewis and Josh Kay.

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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.

- I. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jamie Thompkins called the meeting to order at approximately 2:31 PM. There was a quorum present.
  
- II. **Invocation** – Jamie Thompkins delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Chairman Thompkins asked the Commission to review the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting. Katherine Fuller made a motion to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes. Bill Strydesky seconded the motion, and the vote to approve carried with Brenda Long abstaining.
  
- IV. **Executive Session**- Chairman Thompkins stated the Commission members were going into Executive Session to receive legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. Bill Strydesky made a motion to go into executive session at approximately 2:33 PM. Brenda Long seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. When Commission members returned, Mr. Strydesky made a motion to come out of executive session at 3:08 PM, and Brenda Long seconded. The motion to come out of executive session carried unanimously. David Jordan stated while in executive session the Commission received legal advice and no votes were taken.

Mr. Strydesky made a motion to move Section 7 first and then come back to Section 6. Brenda Long seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- VII. **New Business**
  - A. **Special Tax Assessment, Final Certification for Darden Jewelers, (Mashburn) 807 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach** – The request was to have the HPC grant final certification for

Darden Jewelers for rehabilitation. Mrs. Conklin gave an overview that \$41,094 was spent within the two years of receiving preliminary certification. Mr. Thompkins pointed out the changes that were made to the recessed door set in the back. Mr. Thompkins stated the changes of the storefront were not documented on the application, and the National Park Service application stated the storefront at the rear would mimic the store front but in better condition. Robert Lewis stated the original door was flush with the outside walls and the recessed door was added later as evidenced by it being placed on the tile floor. Susan Platt made a motion to grant special tax assessment, final certification for Darden Jewelers for rehabilitation. Bill Strydesky seconded the motion, and the approval carried with Benda Long voting against.

## **VI. Old Business**

**A. Special Tax Assessment, Final Certification for Holiday Shores Motel, (Tawana Motel), 7501 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach** - Lou Conklin gave an overview for the request for the Holiday Shores Motel. \$153,775 was spent within 2 years from the hotel receiving preliminary certification. Bill Strydesky made a motion to defer the Motel section and then withdrew the motion at 3:32 PM. There was discussion with Mr. Lewis on why the knee wall was painted white. Mr. Lewis stated he was in the hospital and was unable to supervise the remodeling. Mr. Lewis stated he is able to remove the paint from the stone wall with a natural substance. Bill Strydesky made a motion to give final approval for tax credit and with the condition of one year for the removal of paint on the knee wall. Brenda Long seconded the motion and the approval with conditions carried unanimously. At approximately 4:18 PM, Robert Lewis left.

## **VIII. Commission Discussion**

### **A. Preservation Awards**

Lou Conklin gave an overview of the nominations for the Historic Preservation Awards. The 2020 nominations were Christopher Boyle and Rod Gragg, and 2021 new applications were Darden Jewelers, Holiday Shores Motel, and Edwards 5 & 10. Mr. Thompkins asked who was in favor of giving an award to Robert Lewis Law Firm for historic preservation. An informal vote was taken and everyone was in favor, except Mr. Strydesky. Mrs. Conklin read the following list of recipients for awards:

Darden Jewelers/Mashburn

Christopher Boyle

Rod Gragg

Historical properties being added to the register

Law firm of Robert Lewis

## **IX. Announcements**

### **A. Continuing Education**

Mrs. Conklin stated three members still needed their required CEU's, and they were Gerry Wallace, David Stoudemire, and Bill Strydesky. Mr. Strydesky thought he had completed this requirement, so staff will check on it. Mrs. Conklin presented information on a virtual Main Street Conference available to satisfy the continuing education requirement, however anyone could attend the conference. Anyone interested in attending would need to apply for a scholarship, which was available through the National Park Service (NPS).

Mrs. Conklin mentioned the NPS was also offering under represented community grants to pay for surveys, research, and other resources. Applications are due March 31. Susan Platt asked staff to look at the Cochran School. Mrs. Platt was interested in working with Atlantic Beach also.

**A. Next Meeting-** Mrs. Conklin announced the next meeting would be April 20, 2021

**X. Adjourn**

Bill Strydesky made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Katherine Fuller. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42PM.

**Historic Preservation Commission Decision Memorandum  
Horry County, South Carolina**

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Date: April 20, 2021  
From: Planning and Zoning  
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation  
Prepared By: John Danford, Deputy Director  
Regarding: Historic Marker – Grier/Cox Ferry

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**ISSUE:**

Should the HPC approve language for the Grier/Cox Ferry Historic Marker as presented by the SC Historical Marker Program through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or the Horry County Historical Society?

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Vote in the affirmative for the SC Historical Marker Program through SHPO for the Cox Ferry Historic Marker. If the vote fails the proposed language as presented by the Horry County Historical Society shall pass.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends HPC approve draft language.

**BACKGROUND:**

SC Department of Archives and History is responsible for the State Historic Marker Program. Though markers interpret historic places such as sites, structures, people and events, they are not an official historic preservation designation.

This particular marker had gone through several revisions before the pandemic created uncertain budgetary conditions. A clearer economic outlook means the project can move forward however questions remain as to the final language on the marker.

There have been several drafts between Mr. Ben Burroughs, Horry County Historical Society, and Dr. Edwin Breeden, Coordinator of the SC Historical Marker Program with SHPO. Attached herein is “Draft2” from Dr. Breeden as well as the final draft supplied by the Historical Society.

The Historical Society approached HPC and presented an alternative sign program at the February 2020 HPC meeting. A motion was approved at the April 22, 2020 meeting establishing that each historic sign would require a vote by the Commission to determine if it would be designed by SHPO or the Historic Society. Furthermore, before making the determination draft language will be supplied to the Commission.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Grier/Cox Ferry historical marker has not been finalized at this time. The language for the marker has not been approved by the SC Historical Marker Program or HPC. Draft 2 if approved by HPC will need to be sent to the SHPO Director for final approval before production of the sign. If the Historical Society language is approved it will not go to SHPO for approval and instead would proceed directly to production. Horry County Engineering is prepared to issue an Encroachment Permit. Text for each sign is included herein.

# Historical Markers Grier's/Cox's Ferry

## SHPO Text

## HCHS Text

Version: 2019-09-16

GRIER'S/COX'S FERRY	T1	GRIER'S/COX'S FERRY	T1
		(continued from other side)	
In the 1700s and 1800s, a	1	Sometime after the American	1
ferry located here was a	2	Revolutionary War, and	2
key crossing point on the	3	before 1802, this ferry	3
Waccamaw River, connecting	4	became known as Cox's Ferry.	4
the southern road leading	5	A Nov. 16, 1828 petition to	5
from Conway to the coast.	6	the S.C. legislature from	6
On Sept. 4, 1780, Lt. Col.	7	Herman Cox requested "a	7
Peter Horry and a division	8	renewal of the charter of	8
of Francis Marion's militia	9	Cox's Ferry on the Waccamaw	9
under his command crossed	10	River." In an 1851 petition,	10
the Waccamaw River here at	11	Herman Cox's widow, Frances	11
Grier's Ferry. A receipt	12	P. Cox, then living on the	12
states that Horry received	13	family plantation at the	13
from James Grier a sheep,	14	ferry site, requested rights	14
five pints of rum, breakfast	15	to the same. Around 1918,	15
for nine officers, and	16	as steamboat traffic ended,	16
ferriage for fifty-eight	17	bridges were constructed,	17
horses and fifty men.	18	and Cox's Ferry was closed.	18
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GRIER / COX FERRY	GRIER / COX FERRY
	(continued from other side)
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Grier's Ferry. A receipt	River." On May 22, 1851,
states Horry received of	Herman Cox's widow, Frances
James Grier a sheep, five	P. Cox, "at present the
pints of rum, breakfast for	occupant of the plantation
nine officers and ferriage	and ferry," requested the
for fifty-eight horses and	rights to same. Charles N.
fifty men, for the use of	Causey was the last ferry
the division of Marion's	operator. In 1918, the
Regt under Horry's command.	ferry ceased operations.
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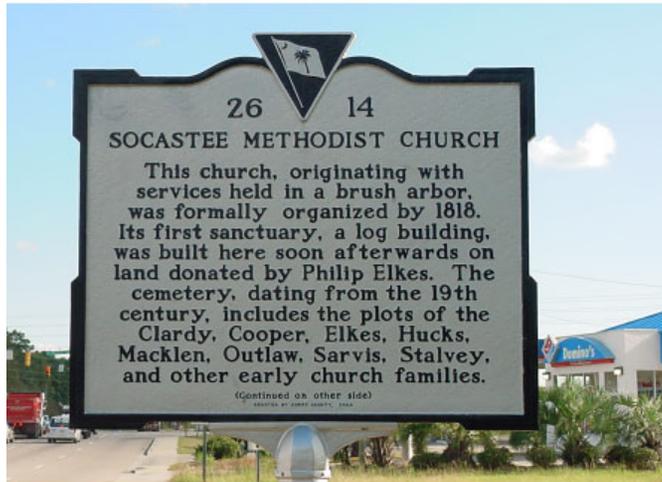
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# SCDAH Marker



# HCHS Marker



Lettering will be same size as SCDAH markers

**Historic Preservation Commission Briefing Memorandum  
Horry County, South Carolina**

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Date: April 20, 2021  
From: Planning and Zoning  
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation  
Prepared By: John Danford, Deputy Director  
Regarding: Historic Preservation Awards

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**ISSUE:**

Who should receive nominations for Historic Preservation Awards and how will the ceremony proceed?

**CONCLUSION:**

Nominations for Award Recipients should be presented to the Historic Preservation Commission throughout the year and plans should be finalized for this year's awards ceremony.

**BACKGROUND:**

May is National Historic Preservation Month and the HPC typically celebrates this month by hosting the Historic Preservation Awards. Walter Hill has confirmed the McCown Auditorium for May 18, 2021 for the Preservation Awards.

The HPC should discuss briefly at every meeting any nominations for a Historic Preservation Award. A working list gives the Commission time to think through the nominations.

Nominations for this year are Christopher Boyle, Rod Gragg, Darden Jewelers/Mashburn Construction, and Rogers Lewis Jackson Mann & Quinn, LLC.

Certificates will be given to the six properties that were added to the Horry County Historic Register which are; Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery, Pine Island Community Cemetery, Averett & Harriet Floyd Strickland Burial Ground, Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, Cane Branch AME Church, and Ketchup Town Store and Delco-Light Farm Electric Plant Building.

**ANALYSIS:**

Historic Preservation Commissioners will be responsible for drafting and presenting Award nominations. Staff will coordinate the venue, awards, Powerpoint, program and refreshments post ceremony.

**Historic Preservation Commission Decision Memorandum  
Horry County, South Carolina**

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Date: April 20, 2021  
From: Planning and Zoning  
Division: Infrastructure and Regulation  
Prepared By: John Danford, Deputy Director  
Regarding: Horry County Legacy Business Recognition Program

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**ISSUE:**

What is the status of the Horry County Legacy Business Recognition Program?

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Continue implementation of the business recognition program with the inclusion of Palmetto Farms.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Legacy Business Recognition Program identifies businesses that have contributed to the historic economic fabric of Horry County for at least 50 years. The program is intended to promote good will for historic preservation activities and local entrepreneurs alike in the County.

**ANALYSIS:**

A Legacy Business Recognition has been set for Palmetto Farms on Wednesday May 5, 2021 at 10:00 in the morning.

## Horry County Legacy Business Recognition Program

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Name of Business Palmetto Farms

Address of Business 715 S Main Street

Aynor, SC 29511

Business Website http://palmettofarms.com

Primary goods or services offered Grits, Cornmeal

Current Owner(s) Name(s) Austin David Dorman, Andrew David Dorman  
Devin Addison Dorman

Contact Name (if different) Devin Dorman

Contact Cell # [REDACTED]

Contact Email [REDACTED]

Year Business Opened 1934

Original Owner(s) Name(s) James and Irene Graham-

Second Owner(s) (add additional owner information if necessary)

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## Horry County Legacy Business Recognition Program

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Primary goods or services rendered by original business if different than today

Corn Meal and Grits have been the staple since the beginning

Describe any memorable events or stories associated with the business

Our mill began as a way for our farm to sustain food and feed for ourselves, and it branched out to other locals. Eventually my great grandfather developed relationships with restaurants and shop owners around the state for bulk corn meal.

At the time, we primarily made corn meal. In fact, my great grandfather was known for running the equipment pretty hard. At one point a barn burnt down from the friction

the mill stones created. We've always taken pride in the quality of grain we used

all the way through the finished product. The end result is a product critically acclaimed across the nation. In approximately 2000, my grandfather AD Dorman asked my father, Austin Dorman (goes by David) what he was planning to do with the business.

At the time, David was a graphic artist and sign maker. He decided to start a general store, where he milled corn products and sold traditional country goods and foods.

Fast forward to 2008. The tourism industry in Myrtle Beach declined, and so did the sales at the general store. He decided to move into the wholesale side, where myself ( network engineer) and my brother Andrew (USAF) came on to take the business to the next level.

Now we're full circle, and we'll be opening a retail area in our new facility based in the former IGA grocery store in the town of Aynor.

**Attach copies of any historical photographs of the business and its location(s)**

**Attach copies of any current photographs of the business and owner(s)**

Applications may be emailed to Lou Conklin at [conklin@horrycounty.org](mailto:conklin@horrycounty.org) or mailed to the following address:

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1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
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Questions? Lou Conklin can be reached at 843-915-7892