The Horry County Board of Architectural Review met on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 12:00 PM in the Planning Department Conference Room located at 1301 Second Avenue in Conway. The following board members were present: Chairman, Mr. Joel Carter, Vice-chairman, Mr. David Douglas, Mrs. Jane Charles, Mrs. Tempe Oehler, and Mr. Bill Long. The following staff members were present: Senior Planner, Mrs. Ravin Gore and Admin. Asst., Mrs. Vicki Stone.

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. Carter called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Mr. Bill Long led the invocation. A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes of November 21, 2006, Mr. Long asked that Ms. Christy Holliday’s name be corrected to Mrs. Christy Holliday Douglas. Mr. Carter mentioned that the Holliday family had agreed to proceed with the idea of placing Galivants Ferry Historic District properties on the Horry County Register of Historic Places and wanted to amend the minutes to show the agreement. Mr. Douglas made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Long seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

**Galivants Ferry brochure-status update-** Mrs. Gore said she e-mailed the prices from different companies on layouts for the brochure. Mr. Douglas asked the Board members for additional perspective on anything in script for the brochure. Mrs. Gore said she would e-mail all the Board members the script that Mr. Douglas has given her for their perspective and she would also send it to Archives and History and let them look at the text. Mrs. Gore said she would also send them a disc of the pictures that Mr. Douglas had taken and asked that they pick favorites for them to discuss the next meeting for the layout. Mrs. Gore felt that they should have the brochure by March.

**Galivants Ferry Brochure/Overlay/district-information update-** Mr. Douglas asked Mrs. Gore what would the next step be to get a local district established. Mrs. Gore said they needed to establish the area that they wanted to be included in the district then establish design guidelines for the Galivants Ferry area. Mr. Douglas asked about using the Socastee guidelines for Galivants Ferry. Mrs. Gore and Mr. Carter mentioned that the Socastee guidelines were a model in general for the specifics of Socastee buildings, structures and sites, but if they were to be used as a guide for Galivants Ferry that they should be more specific to the Galivants Ferry area. Mr. Carter suggested they start with the general guidelines for Horry County and do an
outline from those guidelines to present to the Holliday family. Mrs. Gore suggested that she send all three guidelines, the Horry County guidelines, the Socastee guidelines, and the National guidelines, have the Board members read over those and pull the items they like to modify a guideline for the Galivants Ferry area. Mrs. Gore asked the Board to think about what they wanted to accomplish. Did they want to redo the Horry County guidelines first, then do the Galivants Ferry district or do the Galivants Ferry district first, then redo the Horry County guidelines? Mr. Douglas asked if they needed to redo the Horry County guidelines and Mrs. Gore said yes? The Board decided to start with the Galivants Ferry guidelines first, then they can continue on with the design standards. They also discussed some of the other areas they should consider such as Green Sea Floyds, Little River, and Bucksport. Mrs. Gore suggested on some of these places it might be better to pool some of the individual properties together instead of considering districts.

**Historic Property Survey-update** Mrs. Gore said that the survey is complete. Ms. Stacy Richey still has to scan and digitalize the photos before the County will have a copy. There is some 200 to 500 hundred pictures to be scanned, which may take some time. Mrs. Gore said they are printing the 100 previously identified historic properties from the digitalized copies that the County will be receiving. Mrs. Gore said there would be a presentation done when everything is finalized.

**Web page for the BAR-** The Board discussed some different ways they may get a web page started. They discussed looking into SCIWAY, which is connected with the South Carolina home web page. Mr. Douglas asked if the Board could not have there own web page. Mrs. Gore said it would have to out of the Board’s budget and it is not in this year’s budget. Mrs. Gore suggested trying SCIWAY first. Mr. Carter reminded the Board that SCIWAY would only provide a free link to an existing web site, that SCIWAY would not create a web site for us. Mr. Douglas said he would look into this information and bring it back for the next meeting. Mr. Carter mentioned a HCBAR newsletter created by the Board that was placed on the planning page several years ago, although no follow through had been taken by the County on placing the HCBAR brochures on the County website since the information was provided to the County.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2007-2008 Proposed Budget**- Mrs. Gore mentioned that the budget has been submitted to the Infrastructure and Regulations committee to review. Once she has received a conformation on the budget she will let the Board know. Mr. Carter brought for the Board members, copies of an e-mail he had typed in response to Mrs. Gore about the budget. It specifically answered questions raised by Mrs. Gore, and gave specific reasons for each budget items requested and the background for the reasoning. It was not sent via e-mail to the other Board members, as Mr. Carter thought it deserved a discussion with the entire Board rather than just questions and answers between the Board chairman and the HCBAR liaison. They discussed monies that concerned a lesson plan the Board was thinking of completing, for hiring an outside source to update the guidelines for the Board, the 2007 Historic Preservation Awards Nomination, the brochures, web site, Galivants Ferry Historic District, plaques and awards, historical markers, and other projects that the Board may want to pursue. Mr. Carter said he felt that the County seemed to be fighting their own appointed Board for basic items that are required to support the
duties of the Board. Mrs. Gore explained that the budget was submitted just as the Board had proposed the budget, but she had wanted the Board not to ask for monies that they would not actually use within a budget year. Mrs. Gore explained that any monies that are not used in a budget year would be lost and the County would look at that loss and constrict their budget accordingly. Mrs. Gore gave an example of the Horry County brochure. It was budgeted for the 2006 budget year, but they were not able to finish it in 2006 and had to take money from the 2007 budget, which it was not budgeted for, to have it completed. She mentioned that it is not her decision to make on how the Board spends their money, but it is up to her to help advise them on the best way to ask for monies. Mr. Carter explained that the budget request was for very legitimate projects that had been delayed in the past for several years. The projects were part of their duties, and they could be finished in a year if properly administered. The explanation outlined that some of the items were better and more quickly done by professionally contracted sources not done by the individuals of the Board or the staff, and that is why the coast and timing were proposed as realistic. Due to the County’s shortened two-day notice deadline for submittal however, the Board Chairman did not have time to prioritize items as in the past. Mrs. Oehler asked who would be representing the Board when the budget comes up for review. Mrs. Gore said Mrs. Janet Carter would represent them. Mrs. Oehler then asked Mrs. Gore if it were possible, if in the future Mrs. Carter couldn’t be present in their meetings when they were discussing the budget? Mrs. Gore said yes, she could.

Mr. Carter said since we need updated guidelines, he would prefer getting a professional historical consultant with appropriate expertise to rewrite the guidelines so the planning staff with their busy schedule wouldn’t have to do it and the Board wouldn’t have to do it. The Board then discussed writing their own guidelines instead of hiring someone to write them, since they were told the County would probably not fund this. Among that conversation included cutting and pasting information from other guidelines to help them with their guidelines and then tailoring the guidelines to specifics of Horry County historic places and specific districts.

**2007 Historic Preservation Awards Nominations**- Mrs. Gore gave a copy of a 2007 Historic Preservation Award Nomination Governor’s Award to the Board for their review and approval. The Board thought it was a good idea and discussed different items to keep and eliminate from the letter.

**DISCUSSION**

**Boundary House Marker Update**- Mrs. Gore said the marker is in procurement as of right now, but should be going up this week.

**Setting a timeline for 2007**

- Mrs. Gore gave the Board the quotes for the Galivants Ferry brochure. Mr. Carter asked if Mrs. Gore could give them a detailed breakdown of each estimate for the next meeting.
- Galivants Ferry brochure to be completed by March/April.
- Horry County updated guidelines for the Historic County Register by May.
- Galivants Ferry guidelines in June.
Five properties to the Horry County district and have plaques for those properties in September.

The nominees for plaques to be announced in March and the awards to be given in May.

Replacing existing historical markers by April. Markers mentioned were the George Washington tour plaque, the Jeremiah Vereen marker, and the George Whitfield.

Website by October.

Deadline for 2009 budget discussions by September.

Green Sea district brochure start by October.

Poster Contest for May history month. Need rules and regulations. Middle Schools only. Mrs. Gore said she would call Mr. Joe Birch the planner for the schools and see if this will be feasible. Mr. Carter indicated that process successful in the past was to contact the Middle School Department head that would approve contact with Middle School art class’s teachers.

The Board members discussed actively seeking other people to be members to the Board. Some of the names mentioned were, Charles Joyner, Susan McMillan, Leslie McIver, Fred Newby, and Elaine Gore.

Date to visit the Hammonds-Edmunds House (Mrs. Elaine Gore’s invitation)- The Board discussed calling Mrs. Elaine Gore and seeing if March would be a good time to visit her home.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2007 at 12:00 Noon.

With no further business, Mrs. Tempe Oehler made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Bill Long seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

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Ravin Gore, Senior Planner